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Sept. 22 Convention  
Of the Labor Ticket

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## HITLER APES MUSSOLINI IN WAR THREATS

### Vandeleur Raises Red Scare Against AFL Progressives

FORCES ROLL CALL ON  
MOTION TO SUPPORT  
RED-BAITING

Permits No Debate  
COMMITTEES PACKED BY  
"CONSERVATIVES" WHO  
BACK SCHARRENBERG

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 17.—The Scharrenberg-Vandeleur machine swung into action at the first session of the 36th Annual State Federation of Labor Convention here yesterday with the shoving through of a resolution to enter into the minutes a statement from the Theatrical Federation supporting the reactionary state A. F. of L. Executive Board in its numerous attacks upon rank and file progressives within the state organization.

The resolution was railroaded. No debate was permitted. Two hundred delegates did not answer the roll call vote upon which President Vandeleur insisted. Official vote was YES, 209; NO, 72. Four refused to vote. The resolution had been adopted by the Theatrical Federation at its annual convention which convened here Sunday.

Although approximately 500 delegates, representing 75,000 organized workers are attending the convention, the full voting strength will not be known until late today or tomorrow when the remainder of the delegates will have arrived.

\* Bridges Opposes.

It was shortly after the report of the credentials committee that the Scharrenberg-Vandeleur team introduced the red-baiting report. The official from the Theatrical Federation rose to his feet and "reluctantly" was granted the floor. When he had finished reading his report Harry Bridges, president of the San Francisco Longshoremen's Association, rose for a point of information.

He was spotted by Scharrenberg who whispered to Vandeleur. The whisper came over the microphone—"Keep on talking! Keep on talking!" Bridges however, won recognition.

\* All Delegates Seated.

Practically all delegates were seated as no recommendations to reject credentials were made.

The convention was called to order by A. C. Rogers, general chairman, who introduced Harry Steinmetz, president of the San Diego Federated Trades Council. The vice-mayor of San Diego invited the delegates to spend their money at the Exposition now in progress here.

President Vandeleur, in his opening address, ignored the fact that he, Scharrenberg and other reactionaries are facing the most serious rank and file opposition in the history of their careers as misleaders of labor.

Vandeleur appointed only trusted henchmen to the various committees. Two San Diego red-baiters—Donnelly and Dowell—were appointed but progressive delegates were ignored.

\* The Progressive Vote.

Voting against the red-baiting report were delegates from the San Francisco Fishermen's Union, the San Francisco Milk Wagon Drivers, the Martinez Oil Workers, Machinists Locals of Oakland and San Francisco, the Jackson Miners and all maritime unions with the exception of three delegates from the Masters, Mates and Pilots.

The largest delegation present is from the San Francisco International Longshoremen's Association local with 2900 members; second comes the Teamsters' Union of San Francisco with 2500 members and third is the International Seamen's Union of San Francisco with 2000 members.

### HEADQUARTERS OF S. F. LABOR PARTY OPENED

BEN LEGERE TO RUN FOR  
SHERIFF, BENSON FOR  
SUPERVISOR

Rally on Sept. 22  
OPEN AIR MEETINGS ON  
SATURDAY EVENING  
PLANNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Featuring the speakers at the mass ratification conference of the United Labor Party to be held in the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 2 p. m., will be Redfern Mason, candidate of the Labor Party for mayor and president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild, and William Moseley Jones, Democratic Epic leader in the state legislature, who will bring a message in support of the United Front from Southern California.

The conference, to which admission is free, will have part of the lower floor reserved for delegates to be elected by participating organizations, who are asked to send one delegate for each fifty members. The delegates will sit under the banners of their own organization, while the public will be admitted to the galleries. Organizations not yet participating in the United (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

### TWO DEAD IN MINN. STRIKE

Farmer-Labor Mayor  
Under Fire for  
Police Attack

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 16.—Two are dead, two dying and many more are seriously wounded as a result of two attacks on picket lines on successive days in front of the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works here.

The first attack, on last Wednesday, occurred when police attacked 5000 workers massed in front of the plant to protest against the importing of hired thugs to protect scabs.

\* Armored Cars.

The next evening, while workers were parading in front of the plant, a barrage of gas and bullets was loosed by 100 police in seven armored cars and six squad cars. When the fighting, which lasted two hours, ended, Melvin Bjorklund, a passerby, and Eugene Casper, a picket, were dead, and Fred Hogar and Oliver Glass were dying, while more than 50 were wounded, including women and five policemen.

The next day tear gas bombs were used by police to disperse a demonstration of trade union (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

### Mooney Will Attend Court Proceedings

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Tom Mooney will leave San Quentin prison tomorrow and will be brought to the Hall of Justice here for the hearing on his demand for release on a writ of habeas corpus. His attorneys, Frank P. Walsh, John Finnerty and Geo. T. Davis, will introduce defense witnesses to show that Mooney and Billings were framed on perjury evidence. It is expected that this legal fight will take from two weeks to a month and Mooney will be lodged in the county jail during the proceedings. This is the second time since his conviction a generation ago that Mooney has been out of San Quentin. Last year he was brought to San Francisco and was acquitted in a second trial. The present proceedings are an effort to force the state to free him on the basis of that acquittal.

### STRIKE IS WON AT ROSENBERG'S

Wage Raises Slight;  
Big Gains in Work  
Conditions

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 16.—In a mass meeting Saturday night, Sept. 14, the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers' Union voted 142 to 46 to return to work at the Rosenberg Plant at once. The plant has been shut down since the workers went out on strike four weeks ago.

The strikers won 2½ cents an hour increase in pay, recognition of the union, time and a half for Sundays, holidays, and night work between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m., and recognition of seniority rights. In signing the agreement the company promised additional pay increase in January, but the promise was not embodied in the agreement.

Since the union is less than six months old this victory is seen as a real accomplishment. The workers originally demanded wages be increased 16 and a fourth cents per hour for men and 6 and two-thirds cents per hour for women. The plant, at the foot of 14th street, was completely closed during the struggle by mass picket lines who worked on 8-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, with the women helping.

This militant rank and file union now plans to put forth a militant campaign to organize all fruit and nut packing plants in the Bay area. It is also planned to organize the Rosenberg Bros. plants in Santa Clara and Fresno. Nine other unions, Teamsters, Machinists, etc., supported this strike and contributed in a large part to the complete shut-down of the plant.

The union, an A. F. of L. local, was organized in spite of the deliberate sabotage of Wm. Spooner (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8.)

### RANK AND FILE TO ACT AT AFL STATE MEETING

SCHARRENBERG ELECTION  
TO SECRETARY JOB  
WILL BE FOUGHT

Left Wing Stronger

LOS ANGELES CARMEN TO  
BACK LUNDEEN SOCIAL  
INSURANCE BILL

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 16.—Determined to prevent Paul Scharrenberg from substituting red-baiting for a militant progressive program dedicated to the interests of the workers, rank and file delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention today were preparing to fight Scharrenberg's reelection to the office of secretary of the State American Federation of Labor organization.

All records for the number of delegates to the convention are expected to be shattered as credentials continued to pour in from scores of trade unions determined at long last to have a say in formulating the policies of their organization.

Even Edward Vandeleur, president of the State Federation and of the San Francisco Central Labor Council today admitted that the "left wing element is stronger than it was." Vandeleur, it is understood, is backing Scharrenberg, who recently was booted out of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

### ANOTHER UNITED STATES SEAMAN HELD BY HITLER

SIMPSON CASE IN HANDS  
OF LABOR DEFENSE

HAMBURG, Sept. 16.—Nazi secret police Thursday arrested another American seaman, William Gill, member of the crew of the liner George Washington. He was charged with "defaming" the butcher, Hitler.

He was arrested under circumstances similar to those surrounding the arrest of Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman kidnapped from the S. S. Manhattan here on June 28.

Arrested by the local police department, he was released after making explanations, but taken into custody again by the secret police, Hitler's own Gestapo.

Meanwhile authorization has been received by the International Labor Defense from John G. Simpson to retain counsel and act in behalf of his son, Lawrence Simpson, kidnapped from the S. S. Manhattan, and now held in Fuhlsbuettel concentration camp near Hamburg.

The only word received from Simpson since his arrest has been a post-card from the concentration camp which was received by his brother in Portland, Ore. in which he declared he "was well and in good spirits."

### POLAND QUITS LEAGUE IN ANTI-SOVIET MOVE

UNITE IN DEFENSE OF PEACE!

As was to be expected, the imperialist aims and arrogant defiance of the League of Nations on the part of Italy has brought a new incendiary war move into being, this time on the part of Germany. As though by common agreement, Hitler declares his "neutrality" in the Ethiopian situation, makes his drive towards Memel, attacks the Soviet Union in the wildest fashion while hypocritically declaring his "peaceful intentions." This is immediately followed by the walking out of Polish delegates to the League in protest over Litvinoff's remarks in regard to the German-Polish pact.

In contrast to this, Litvinoff made a strong and carefully worded plea for peace. In his Saturday's talk, he reminded the League members of the three Soviet proposals for peace "now gathering dust in the League archives." They are as follows:

1.—Definition of what constitutes an aggressor nation.  
2.—Transformation of the world disarmament conference into a permanent peace conference.

3.—Total disarmament by all nations.

"I maintain," he said, "... that the utmost difficulty is presented by partial, and the least difficulty by total, disarmament. If and when it seems that the feasible has proved Utopian, let us try whether what seems to be Utopian will not prove feasible."

Here are two viewpoints of two different worlds. The Soviet Union stands unqualifiedly for peace, while the rest of the world is riven with antagonism making peace difficult if not impossible.

We must rally the forces of Labor and all anti-war fighters in support of the peace policy of the Soviet Union!

Build the united front for the defense of Ethiopia!

Stop all shipments of arms to Fascist Italy!

Down with the Fascist war-provocateurs!

Redouble all protest actions on behalf of the oppressed German and Italian masses!

Forge the widest unity in defense of peace!

### SAILORS' UNION PLAN FIGHT ON STANDARD OIL

RED-BAITER TURNED DOWN  
BY RANK AND FILE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Spread and intensify the boycott against Standard Oil products was the substance of a resolution passed by the membership of the Sailor's Union of the Pacific at its regular Monday meeting.

The Standard Oil has been on the unfair list since the time of the Tanker Strike months ago, and was responsible for the frame-up which resulted in the sentencing of eight maritime workers to San Quentin and Folsom on trumped-up charges.

Two delegates were elected from the floor to meet the so-called "Union Labor Party Committee" for the purpose of asking endorsement of the United Labor Ticket in the approaching municipal elections. The "Union Labor Party" is a rubber stamp outfit brought together before each election here, headed by O'Connell, reactionary secretary of the Central Labor Council.

A lengthy communication from Olander, reactionary official of the International Seamen's Union, was read and referred to committee for an appropriate answer. Olander wanted the Sailors' Union to rescind its action of June 19 in admitting former Marine Workers Industrial Union members into the I.S.U. The rank and file refused to be intimidated by the red-baiting official's letter.

The switchman testified that he had left the switch open, and if he had failed to do so he would lose his job. The switch was supposed to be locked open to prevent any cars from rolling off the spur track onto the main line.

At a previous court session the arresting officers who arranged the frame-up had directly contradicted themselves and each other in their testimony.

The switchman's testimony exposed the whole affair, and should have caused the case to be thrown out of court. But Judge Tyrrell set Tuesday, Sept. 17 as the date for handing down his decision.

### By Weakening Strike Action And Fighting Against Progressive Acts

the demand for a Labor Party, built on the trade unions.

Such a program of struggle against the attacks of the employers and the Roosevelt government should be adopted in resolutions in every A. F. of L. Local, every convention, and in every council. Demand a fight against unemployment and against wage cuts! Demand unity and the building of the unions! Demand a fight against war and fascism! Send these resolutions to the city central bodies and international unions of the A. F. of L., and to the delegates who have been elected.

Elect delegates to the national A. F. of L. convention who will fight for the rank and file program.

### Ireland Adds Voice to United Front Peace Policy

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

GENEVA—Ireland through De Valera supports Great Britain's stand on prevention of war.

LONDON—Widespread anti-war demonstrations have been held over the weekend by numerous Communist, Socialist and Labor groups.

BERLIN—Chancellor Hitler, after attacking the Soviet Union and announcing a new vicious anti-Jewish campaign, reviewed troops on a full war footing.

MEMEL—Fears of a seizure of this territory by Hitler were felt today following Hitler's Sunday speech. Lithuania is prepared to protest to League of Nations.

ROME—Prices in general are 16 per cent higher than in January. Great uneasiness is felt in business circles as the effects of Mussolini's war mobilization of ten millions, higher tariffs and war control measures strike home. Gasoline is reported at \$1 per gallon.

MONTREUX, Switzerland—Fascists of seven nations back up Italy's war plans against Ethiopia.

GENEVA, Sept. 16.—Italy's prospective withdrawal from the League is expected by Wednesday of this week following a cabinet session to consider and likely reject a compromise solution of the Ethiopian war crisis. Matters were further complicated and a step nearer a new world war taken when Polish delegates walked out of the League session today.

This abrupt departure was the direct consequence of Hitler's war-provoking speech on Sunday, wherein the emphasis was placed on anti-Soviet attacks, although Memel is a scene of possible violent seizure by Germany. Poland, it will be remembered, is closely allied with Germany in a pact which is recognized by all competent and honest authorities to be directed against the Soviet Union.

In speaking of this fact several days ago during his strong plea for unity of action against "aggressor" nations, Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union, pointed out that aggressive acts likely to lead to war were being bred in other places than Italy, and his strong plea for peace indicated that full support should be given to international unity, not only against Italy, but also other conquest-minded nations, not least of which is Germany.

French officials were also alarmed over Hitler's declaration and Poland's act, and without question strong representations along the lines of international peace unity will be pressed further, with Great Britain especially being urged to endorse non-aggression pacts similar to that existing between France, the Soviet Union and many other European powers.

Litvinoff's declaration before the full League followed the reelection of the Soviet Union to the League council by the full vote of 53 powers, while Poland mustered only 43 votes.

Litvinoff said: "If we had before us from Italy, instead of a declaration on 'liberty of action' a formal, well founded complaint against acts of aggression committed by neighboring Ethiopia—one which fell under the definition of aggression adopted by the League—I venture to assure the representative of Italy here that not only would he have obtained from the League all justice, but he also, of the amount of sympathy which the noble Italian nation enjoys among us."

\* DeValera Backs Peace.

Eamon DeValera, president of the Irish Free State, made a statement supporting Great Britain's stand today, declaring: "Oh, why cannot nations put into the enterprise of peace the energy they are prepared to squander in the futility and frightfulness of war!"

## Elect Rank and Filers to A. F. L. National Convention

### Green Gave His Full Support To the Wage-Cutting Roosevelt Plan

The 55th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opens in Atlantic City on October the 7th, is confronted with the solution of problems vital to labor.

Since the last convention of the A. F. of L. the employer's attacks against the workers have grown stronger. At least fifteen million are still without jobs. The Roosevelt administration has drastically cut relief and has broken its promises to enact unemployment insurance.

The slave \$19-\$94 relief wage scale not only cut relief still further, but was an opening wedge to reduce wage scales in private industry. Company unions have grown enormously. Strikebreaking terror has become an everyday commonplace.

Under the N.R.A. the wage cut drive against

labor was begun. With the Supreme Court decision abolishing N.R.A. the attack on the worker's wages was speeded up. The Roosevelt government has directed the anti-labor drive at every turn.

William Green and the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. have made no progress in defeating the open shoppers, since the last A. F. of L. convention. Green has not conducted a drive to organize the unorganized workers. Green has furthered the splitting effects of craft divisions by failing to settle the disputes within the building unions and other jurisdictional disputes. The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has tried to sit on the lid of the growing strike wave instead of preparing the unions for their fight. Green has raised the red scare against militant workers.

William Green has supported all the policies of Roosevelt, the directing center of the employers' attacks on labor. He has fought against the formation of a Labor Party, and instead has tried to keep the workers in the camp of the two

old parties of the employers. Green has indulged in empty talk against Nazi-ism, but has done nothing to rally the unions to fight the growing fascist danger here in the United States. Green talks in generalities against the war danger, but supports the Roosevelt administration which is preparing feverishly for a new imperialist slaughter.

There will be a substantial rank and file delegation at the A. F. of L. convention. This rank and file, representing the membership in the unions, will demand a class-struggle policy in the A. F. of L., and an end of Green's collaboration with the employers. The demand for the building of the unions, for the industrial form of organization, for trade union unity, for preparation of strike against wage cuts, will be voiced by the convention.

The will of the membership for enactment of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill and against Roosevelt's slave wage scale, cannot be stifled. Green will not be able to stifle

## I.S.U., OFF-SHORE OWNERS TALK AWARD CHANGES

### Employers Attempt to Prejudice Public

(Continued From Page 1)

The right to collective bargaining. Negotiations for clarification and amendment of the existing award have nothing to do with the Labor Relations Board as established by the agreement. The duties of this board are to investigate and adjudicate all grievances and disputes which may arise between any of the parties hereto concerning the interpretation or performance of this agreement, or this award, or any matter not covered thereby or hereby.

Meanwhile the shipowners point to the five ships tied up when workers refused to handle scab cargo from the British Columbia as "violation of the agreement." Nevertheless, the employers refuse either to meet with the seamen for the purpose of considering the amendments or to attempt to arrive at a settlement of the existing disputes through the Labor Relations Board.

#### \* Conciliation First.

They declare no conciliation can take place while a strike is in progress. The award itself declares that no arbitration shall take place while a strike is on. However, according to the award, arbitration does not start until the Board has exhausted all possibilities of conciliation.

Three representatives from the shipowners and three from the union are on the Labor Relations Board. When these representatives have failed to arrive at a settlement of any dispute, a seventh member is appointed by a majority of the board to adjudicate and his decision is binding on both parties.

Since the disputes regarding the tied up ships have never reached the conciliation state, let alone been handed over to an arbitration board, the shipowners have no ground upon which to base their contention that nothing can be done "until the five ships are released."

#### \* "Violations".

The employers at this stage are in a position where they not only have refused to be bound by the terms of the agreement, but actually have attempted to deny the seamen even the fundamental right of collective bargaining.

The employers point to the more than 100 individual cases of job action taken by the seamen, as "violations" of the agreement. However, in the vast majority, these job strikes were called by the seamen in an attempt to force the shipowners to grant certain conditions actually guaranteed them by agreement.

Many individual strikes have been called to secure proper linen for the workers. The shipowners furnish, in many cases, not linen, but a rough quality of blue denim, similar to the material used for the common blue work-shirt. The seamen contend this is not the "proper linen" guaranteed in Part C, Section 12 of the award which reads: "It is further agreed that proper bedding, blankets, linen, etc., shall be furnished to all men herein mentioned, by the vessel."

#### \* Cash for Overtime.

Seamen schooner seamen are determined to get cash payment for all overtime work performed. By the terms of the present agreement the payment of money for overtime work is at the "option" of the employer. The shipowners therefore give "time off" for overtime. The workers declare they cannot buy food and clothing for themselves and their families with "time off."

The present International Seamen's Union negotiation committee was elected at a rank and file convention held here last month. Two men from each San Francisco I.S.U. branch and one from each branch in other ports, were chosen to represent the membership.

### Ancient Document

The Restoration Laboratory of the Academy of Science at Leningrad has completely restored a manuscript dating from the time of the Golden Horde and written on birchbark. It was found near the Volga River.

## Faulty Boiler Explodes; Two Badly Injured

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—P. Walker, fireman aboard the Trinidad at Pier 43 here, may die, it is reported as a result of a boiler explosion. J. Henderson also was seriously injured when a tube within the boiler burst, scalding both workers with steam. Walker received dangerous burns all over his body and Henderson's face was badly burned.

Seamen declare the boiler was not in good condition and that ship inspectors had done nothing to force shipowners to remedy the danger under which the men were made to work.

## FASCISTS MAKE PLEA FOR HELP IN PALO ALTO

### WORKERS' MEET IS WELL ATTENDED; VIGILANTE TERROR PROTESTED

PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 16.—"Seventy-five per cent of those on relief have no reason for being there, and your charity list is made up of five million chiselers!" This statement was made by Frederick Walsh, secretary to Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco, in a mass meeting held here on Sept. 13. Mrs. Fannie Grant, of the "Better America Federation" sponsored the meeting.

Walsh topped off his ridiculous ranting with a proposal that militant workers be deported to the leper colonies in the Hawaiian Islands!

S. D. Dodge of the Sons of the American Revolution, with headquarters in the Russ Bldg. in San Francisco, made a careful plea for the formation of a fascist group in this locality. Dodge declared his organization has "documentary proof that the Communist movement in America was financed by the Morgan interests, through Kuhn-Loeb and Co."

#### \* The Old Fascist "Live."

This hog-wash was in direct accord with the propaganda of the Anti-Semitic Fascist societies exposed by John Spivak in the "New Masses" some time ago.

Of the 30 persons who attended the meeting, 15 were militant anti-fascists, and these asked the speakers some very embarrassing questions when the speeches were done.

One week before, on Sept. 7, the Palo Alto Democratic (Epic) Club held a mass meet in protest against the Santa Rosa tar and feather outrage. By a vote of 280 to 1 a protest resolution was passed, demanding that the vigilantes be punished and that the terrorizing of workers and labor leaders in Sonoma County by vigilantes, be ended.

This meeting was publicized through the efforts of a so-called club of "Roosevelt Democrats" and the Palo Alto Times to prevent it, and failing that to make it unpopular by denunciation.

#### \* Anti-Labor Propaganda.

Since Jack Green, one of the tar and feather victims, was announced as a speaker, the Times decided the affair by turning it a "barn-burning tour" and trying to cite it as an example of the "radical's love of martyrdom."

Hilden Gibson and Dr. H. C. Rand, both of Stanford University, spoke at the meeting, and warned the audience that vigilantism is only the guerrilla fore-runner of state fascism.

COSTA MESA, Calif., Sept. 16.—The Workers' Club of the Harbor District has sent a resolution to the sheriff and district attorney of Sonoma County and to Attorney-General U. S. Webb, condemning the mob actions against workers in Santa Rosa and pleading the Costa Mesa Club to solidarity with the workers of Sonoma County.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

## RUEB RELEASED BY L. A. POLICE IN ROSS DEATH

### WHITEWASHING IN BEEF SQUAD KILLING CALLS FORTH PROTESTS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Sept. 14.—Police here are attempting to whitewash the brutal murder of Arthur Ross, militant rank and file in the International Longshoremen's Association, and have released Edgar Rueb, "beef squad" member, who assaulted Ross a week ago Sunday in front of the I.L.A. All, it was learned here today. It was not known who furnished Rueb's bail.

The International Labor Defense is launching an investigation of the case, and demanding that guilt for Ross' death be fixed in open hearing. The American Civil Liberties Union will discuss action to be taken on the case at an executive committee meeting Monday.

Workers are urged to send immediate protests against the attempt of the police to whitewash the case, and to demand that police officers responsible for leaving Ross unconscious and without medical aid in jail for 24 hours on a "drunk" charge, be discharged from the police force and held for trial.

Protests should be sent to Mayor Frank L. Shaw and the City Council of Los Angeles, and to U. S. Webb, state attorney general, at Sacramento.

Rueb was not arrested until the Wednesday following his brutal and unprovoked attack on Ross, and was then booked on a "suspicion of manslaughter" charge. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder "by person or persons, unknown," and recommended that Rueb be "held to answer."

The murder of Ross is another incident in the prolonged terrorization of the San Pedro waterfront by "beef squads" in the unions acting in the closest collaboration with the police department.

## ARMY RULE FOR RELIEF RAPPED

### Move Must Be Nipped In Bud By Wide Protest

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Following the exposure of the move by the Federal Relief Administration to set up recruiting offices for the U. S. Army in all San Francisco Federal relief agencies, the California State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations sent vigorous protests to Mr. Porter, Mr. Small, Mr. Dunn of the San Francisco district relief offices, and to Frank Y. McLaughlin, state administrator, and to President Roosevelt and to Harry L. Hopkins.

The sharply worded letter demanded the immediate withdrawal of Dunn's order permitting recruiting officers to operate in the agencies.

"We wish to emphatically protest this order," said the Federation, "which can mean only that the Government, through its relief agencies, is taking advantage of the sufferings and plight of the unemployed in an attempt to build up their armed forces. Further, we feel we are justified in saying that we suspect this move to be the first step in the direction of eventually placing the handling and distribution of relief and the taking over of relief agencies, if not in full, at least in part, by the armed forces of the Government."

"We draw these conclusions from the fact that the CCC camps when first started were to be civilian directed, but now we see them 100 per cent in the hands of the Army and a part of the armed forces."

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Realizing that the Army will place recruiting officers in Alameda County relief agencies if the move is not "nipped in the bud" by protest at the San Francisco ruling, workers of Oakland have opened a protest.

While protests of San Francisco individuals and organizations are being sent to Federal relief officials, Local No. 37 of the Alameda County Public Works and Unemployed Union has sent its protest to Mr. Koettitz, Oakland Administrator of the WPA, Cecil L. Dunn, administrator in San Francisco, McLaughlin, state administrator, Harry L. Hopkins, national administrator, and to President Roosevelt.

The Oakland local protested that Armies are used by the bosses to carry on imperialist wars and have no function in any way whatsoever in the distribution of relief to the needy. Instead, the resolution declares, the U. S. Army has nothing to offer the unemployed except destruction in another imperialist slaughter.

## SAN DIEGO FEDERATED TRADES COUNCIL

Weekly Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 11

### Reactionary "Labor Leader" Criticized for Policies—Fakers Take Queer Stand On Anti-Picketing Law

SAN DIEGO.—At the Wednesday, Sept. 11th meeting of the Federated Trades and Labor Council a resolution from the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor was read, asking that publicity be given the struggle of the employees of the unfair Kohler Company, manufacturers of plumbing fixtures, against that company. The Wisconsin body asked that the drive against Kohler products be made effective to the end that its sales be materially reduced.

The Executive Committee report was adopted. The council voted to install a telephone in the home of the secretary and pay for it. A suggestion was made that the secretary's salary be increased \$1 a week to pay the phone bill, but the Council decided to pay it directly.

The organizing committee reported a decision to concentrate on the reorganization of the Retail Clerks' Association. The legislative committee requested the Council to institute an initiative petition to amend the State Constitution establishing minimum wage and maximum hours for both sexes in California, for more stringent Child Labor legislation, and for revamping of the State Bar Act. All this was referred back to the committee after considerable discussion.

When the committee appointed to work for the repeal of the city

anti-picketing ordinance reported, Ed Dowell, Jack Krum, John Donnelly, and Irene Botts—the most reactionary delegates in the Council—spoke against the work of the committee. These four argued that the ordinance was not effective and declared it was "better not to awaken a sleeping dog—for fear that he might bite us if aroused."

Irene Botts finally put through a motion that before any action was taken the entire committee should be consulted.

Assemblyman Paul A. Richie briefly addressed the Council, and urged that it sponsor a lecture by Dr. Ingvaldstad, who has been lecturing throughout the country since his return from an extended tour of the Soviet Union. This was referred to the executive committee.

On request of Delegate Walter Barnes Mr. Richie was invited to speak at the State Federation of Labor Convention.

The editorial policies of the "Labor Leader," official organ of the Council, were discussed and severely criticized. Indications are that it may not be long before important changes in its policies are made. Like the "Labor Clarion" of the San Francisco Council and the "East Bay Labor Journal" of Oakland, the "Labor Leader" is a reactionary sheet, opposed to the rank and file of labor, and has consistently gone against the policies of the San Diego Federated Trades Council.

## FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF C. S. VICTIMS IS BLOW AT FASCISM

### Work on San Francisco Conference Under Way—Date of Los Angeles Meet Not Yet Certain—Call Is Issued

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The California State Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act, consisting of representatives from 21 A. F. of L. and independent unions, 14 Democratic Clubs, the Communist Party, the International Labor Defense and many unemployed, church and fraternal organizations, has issued a call for a mass conference in San Francisco on Oct. 6, in behalf of the freedom of the victims of the Sacramento frame-up.

We print the call in full:

To all American Federation of Labor Unions, Independent Unions, Liberal and Radical Political Organizations, Church, Fraternal, Defense and Workers' Groups:

Thematics will begin the latter part of October before the District Court of Appeals at Sacramento in the cases of the men and women convicted under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Nora Conklin, Caroline Decker, and Lorine Norman from Tehachapi Women's Prison, and Pat Chambers, Jack Crane, Al Housh and Martin Wilson from San Quentin Penitentiary have requested the Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act to call simultaneous conferences of delegates from labor unions and all workers' organizations at Los Angeles and San Francisco, Sunday, October 6.

Organized labor and all friends of labor must answer this call by organizing to compel the banker-controlled courts to release these courageous labor leaders.

United action by organizations representing thousands of American Federation of Labor unionists, Liberals and Radicals, in this fight to free the Criminal Syndicalism Law victims will mean that vigilantism, Fascism, and all anti-labor forces in California will be struck a powerful blow!

These young men and women were arrested, tried and sent to prison because they led strikes that won for thousands of underpaid canner and agricultural workers wage increases from 25 to 100 per cent and because they helped to organize agricultural and industrial workers, the unemployed, farmers, students, professional and white collar workers. For this they have spent almost a year behind the bars.

Their conviction was obtained after one of the longest trials in the State. Lined up against them were the Chamber of Commerce, the banks, the Industrial Association, the Associated Farmers, Inc., and the capitalist press led by the yellow Hearst newspapers. The trial was conducted in an atmosphere of public hysteria and jury-intimidation. Former District Attorney McAllister, kicked out of office by the people of Sacramento previous to the trial for his part in the frame-up, was retained by the bankers and big farmers to

prosecute these workers. The unfair nature of the trial will form the basis for appeal.

But mass pressure by organized labor and strong public opinion can gain their freedom. Your support is needed!

Therefore, it is essential that this Conference swing into action again immediately. It was through just such organized mass pressure that we now plan that this Conference lead the fight of thousands of workers that defeated a score of Fascist and Anti-Labor bills before the last session of the California Legislature. We can repeat those victories now.

Organized labor stands on trial. The right to organize, strike and picket will be a fundamental point in the coming hearing before the Court of Appeals. The traditional American rights of Free Speech, Free Press, and Free Assembly, guaranteed in the Constitution, are in jeopardy. The Criminal Syndicalism Law victims were not convicted of a single ACT—without exception they were convicted for carrying on a fight to better your conditions.

THEIR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT!

ANSWER THE BOSSES' FRAME-UP BY SENDING DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION!

The headquarters of the conference are at 68 Haight street, San Francisco.

CHANGE IN LOS ANGELES DATE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Tom Miller, secretary of the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, with headquarters in the Chapman Building, announces that it will be impossible to hold the Southern California Conference for freedom of the C. S. prisoners on October 6, as was originally planned.

No date is yet decided, but October 20th has been set tentatively for the session.

FORT BRAGG, Calif., Sept. 16.—A mass meeting will be held here under the auspices of the International Labor Defense in Comrades' Hall on Sunday, Sept. 22, at which the meaning of the criminal syndicalism act will be explained. The I.L.D. is calling upon local organizations to elect delegates to the October 6th conference in San Francisco.

### Wage Suit Filed

A suit brought by 52 structural steel workers against McCintie-Marshall Co. for \$26,640.57 in back wages and \$13,870 in penalties was on file today in Federal Court. James A. Meyers, attorney for the men, declared they had worked in the Oakland plant on steel for the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges and had not been paid prevailing wages, as required by law on all public works. The suit was filed despite a recent opinion of the state attorney general that the prevailing wage scale is mandatory only on the actual sites of the bridges.

## JACKSON GOLD MINERS EXPECT FINAL VICTORY

### MINES LOSE MONEY WITH HUGE SCAB CREWS; ONE CLOSES

JACKSON, Amador County, Calif., Sept. 16.—The striking gold miners here still feel that there is every chance of a victory for the workers in the struggle, which will be a year old on October 1.

Thirty days ago there were nearly 350 strikers in this town, today there are only about 76. This is due to the complete shutdown of S.F.A. from which a great number of the families were getting relief. The miners were ordered, by the National Re-employment service, to leave their families in Jackson and go to various work camps. About 100 men went into the camps.

About 60, unable to stand the gaff, finally succumbed to the mine owners' high-pressure and returned to the mines as scabs. Only seven of these were miners, the rest were muckers. However, the great bulk of the men are showing splendid solidarity, refusing to scab under any circumstances.

Approximately 100 men have been given permission by the union to leave this area and hunt for work elsewhere until the strike is over.

The Kennedy mine was recently forced to close down completely. In the crew of 200 incompetent scabs the company was unable to get 12 shaft men to repair the mine shaft. The Argonaut and Original Amador mines are operating with scab crews of about 150 per cent normal—but production in tons is only 50 per cent of normal and gold production is only 30 per cent of what the regular crews used to turn over to the company. The scabs are "high-grading."

So, in spite of the fact that the vigilantes and the sheriff have practically ended picketing, the union feels the companies cannot hold out much longer in the face of the strikers' solidarity.

## SUPERVISORS IN PRODUCTION FOR USE ARGUMENT

### FEDERAL FUNDS SOUGHT FOR L. A. SCHEME

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—Dream and delusion of Democratic politicians seeking votes, "production for use" teetered in the balance today awaiting answer of a county supervisor to a question asked the board yesterday in a private conference by Winslow Carlton, federal cooperative director for California.

The question was: "Will the county purchase from Southern California cooperatives the goods it now buys from private firms?" Chairman Herbert Legg and Supervisor John A. Ford agreed to support this program, which the unemployed aptly call a "carrot-pulling scheme," but Supervisor Gordon McDonough is now in Washington angling with the politicians for money.

Unless the supervisors agree to purchase cooperative's goods, Carlton says he would drop the program, and the \$1,500,000 of federal funds, granted to match a \$3,000,000 state allotment, may be withdrawn.

Local "Epic" politicians are striving desperately to get federal funds for cooperatives so they can go to the voters next year with the claim that they have established "production for use" in California. Workers now on cooperatives are gaining a bare subsistence.

## SCIENCE AND ART NOTES

Most suicides occur at night a survey of 1,000 suicides attempts in Philadelphia shows. More significant is the fact that most suicide victims are very young, between 20 and 29. The reason—lack of an opportunity under the present social system, which also accounts for the increase in suicides.

A total of 56,244 persons were sterilized in Germany during 1934, according to official statistics. More than 8,000 of the victims of the sterilization courts appealed the decision but only 377 of these won their appeals. Sterilization is a powerful weapon in the hands of the Nazis to intimidate their enemies.

A new war ray, supposed to be an "infra-red" ray, or "heat" ray, is being tested by the U. S. War Department. The invention, which is closely guarded, is intended to detect enemy warships and airplanes in darkness or fog. The rays are invisible to the naked eye, but a receiving apparatus makes the object visible to the operator of the device.

## Party Recruiting Challenge Issued

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Unit 1, Marina Sub-section has challenged any other neighborhood unit in the San Francisco Dist. of the Communist Party to revolutionary competition in the coming drive for recruits.

Unit 1, Marina, pledges itself to recruit more new members to the Party, between now and Nov. 7, the end of the drive, than any other neighborhood unit in San Francisco.

## BARGEMEN NIP PLOT TO START COMPANY UNION

### MEN SENT HERE TO SCAB BY FARMER WERE NOT TOLD OF STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Another attempt by barge operators to form a scab company union was halted by barge workers this week.

Monday three men were seen loitering in the vicinity of Pier 1. Approached by striking bargemen, one of them declared he was "waiting to go to work." He had been sent here, along with two other workers, from a place known as the "Silver Ranch" in Sonoma County.

They had been told they would be given good jobs and that they would be taken into "the union" and their dues taken out of their first month's salary. Asked if they were told a strike was in progress here they answered in the negative.

"You wouldn't catch me scabbing," one of them declared.

They were told about the strike and how Fay of the River Lines and other big company officials have refused to grant better working conditions to the bargemen. They were told about the Bargemen's Union, a militant rank and file organization.

"Say," one of them asked, "Which union does Harry Bridges belong to?"

He was told the Bargemen's Union is affiliated to the International Longshoremen and that Bridges is president of the latter organization in San Francisco.

"That's enough for me," the worker answered, and the three quickly decided against forming the nucleus for another scab union.

## FAKERS FOUGHT AT STATE A. F. L. CONVENTION

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cite by an enraged and long-suffering rank and file.

#### \* Want Action.

Militant delegates have come to the convention this year with specific instructions from the memberships which they represent, to fight the Scharenberg machine and to introduce and vote for progressive measures leading to bigger and more militant A. F. of L. organizations.

The Street Carmen's Union, Local 997 of Los Angeles has endorsed a resolution for social insurance as embodied in the Lunden Bill, the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, H.R. 2827, and the State Workers' Bill, A.R. 297. The carmen also voted a resolution demanding union wage scales on all relief jobs and against the WPA so-called "security wage."

The Hospital Nurses of Los Angeles have instructed their delegates to support a resolution demanding repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law if and when it is introduced.

#### \* Against War.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific here will introduce resolutions condemning war, for industrial unionism and for youth sports in all trade unions. It is expected a resolution demanding intensification of the boycott of Standard Oil and condemning the recent frame-up by that firm of eight Maritime workers in Modesto, also will be introduced.

The reactionary clique, heretofore in control of the state A. F. of L., probably will follow the policy outlined by William Green, national president, who has called for mass expulsion of infants and Communists from all A. F. of L. unions.

## ELECTION DRIVE OF S. F. LABOR OPENS SEPT. 22

### Mason, Ross, Mosley, Jones, Among Speakers

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Labor Party are asked to take action on this question at once, so they may be represented in the first great united front of San Francisco workers in a municipal election.

#### \* Other Speakers.

Other speakers who will address the meeting include Harry Bridges of the I.L.A., Anita Whitney, and Lawrence Ross, of the Communist Party; Ben Legere, of the Democratic City Council; Herbert Mills of the Sailors' Union; Tanna Alex, Evan Wattles, and Henry Schmidt.

Campaign headquarters have been established at 747 Market St. Waterfront headquarters have been opened at 58 Commercial street, through the courtesy of the Sailors' Union, and Mission headquarters are to be opened shortly.

A series of open air street meetings are to be held Saturday night, to boost the United Labor Party campaign.

#### \* Ben Legere for Sheriff.

Several changes have been made in the slate of candidates of the Labor Party. Herbert Mills, candidate for sheriff and member of the Sailors' Union, has been compelled to withdraw because of the press of union activities, and Ben Legere, of the Democratic City Council, has been asked by the Election Campaign Committee to run in his place. Henry Schmidt, of the I.L.A. for the same reason, has been replaced by John D. Shaw, of the Executive Committee of the I.L.A., as a candidate for supervisor. Shaw is a war veteran and has been a fighter for the cause of labor for a long time.

Other candidates for supervisor include Tanna Alex, of the Utopian Society, originally chosen for district attorney, but disqualified because of technical reasons; Anita Whitney of the Communist Party; Evan Wattles, of Carpenters Local No. 22; William Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers' Union; and Morris Benson, chosen to represent the unemployed. Benson is president of the City and County Federation of Unemployed, and was for many years active in A. F. of L. circles as a member of the Furniture Handlers' Local No. 1.

#### \* Only One Platform.

Also running on the United Labor Party slate are George Anderson, attorney for the International Labor Defense and member of Builders' Union, for municipal judge, and Dr. William Cameron, of the Interprofessional Association, for assessor.

The whole tone of the campaign was struck by Rollin Mason, in a campaign talk when he said, "There are many candidates running, but only one platform—the United Labor Party." None of the other six candidates running for mayor has any definite program, beyond serving the interests of the employers of San Francisco. Only the Labor Party has a clearly worded, definite program, which has been developed by two prior conferences of representatives of trade unions and liberal political and social organizations, and which will be approved by workers of San Francisco at the Sept. 22 Mass Convention in the Civic Auditorium.

## Utah AFL President Ousted for Red-Baiting Policy

PRICE, Utah, Sept. 11.—By a vote of 147 to 47 Paul M. Peterson, president of the Park City Utah, local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union defeated M. L. Thompson, reactionary, red-baiting, incumbent for the presidency of the Utah State Federation of Labor here today.

This event is of historical significance for the entire American labor movement. What has happened here is bound to happen throughout the entire U. S. A. in the near and inevitable future.

The defeat of Thompson not only reflects the growing militancy of the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor, but serves notice that red-baiting, as a cloak to cover anti-labor policies, is a washed up racket in the Utah trade union movement.

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## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Tear Gas and Clubs Coughlin Condemned Shipping Clerks Win Negro On Jury Anti-Labor Bill

MINNEAPOLIS—Armored cars, tear gas and police clubs were used against 5,000 workers picketing the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works. The pickets, who were massed in protest against the use of imported things to guard scabs, offered solid resistance to the police, who fired over their heads. Two boys and one woman were arrested, but many others were torn from the grasp of the police during the fighting, which lasted two hours until midnight. The strike, which has been in progress eight weeks, was called by Machinists Local 1313.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The New Jersey Federation of Labor severely condemned the Reverend Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, for his action in organizing an independent Auto Workers Union not affiliated with the A. F. of L. Another resolution passed by the state convention condemned German fascism and called for a boycott on German goods.

NEW YORK—The strike of 12,000 garment shipping clerks ended after 15 days with definite concessions won from manufacturers. However, the main demand of the strikers, recognition of the Ladies Apparel Shipping Clerks Union, was not won. Settlement terms included 44-hour week, \$15 per week minimum, payment for overtime, which is not to exceed 10 hours a week, and the establishment of a bureau to settle disputes. The shipping clerks are planning to affiliate with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in the near future.

NEW YORK—A general strike of radio operators in ships sailing out of New York has been called by the American Radio Telegraphists Association. The action is intended to force independent steamship companies to sign agreements with the union, calling for the 8-hour day, recognition of the union, standardized wages on all ships, and shipping through the A.R.T.A.

ATLANTA, Ga.—A Negro is serving on the grand jury of Fulton county for the first time in history, as a result of the Supreme Court decision against the exclusion of Negroes from juries in its second Scottsboro decision. Angelo Herndon, heroic Negro worker, was railroaded to an 18 to 20 year term in this county by an all-white jury.

DETROIT—Petitions are being circulated to get 60,000 signatures to repeal the anti-labor Dunel bill passed by the last legislature. Nearly every delegate to the Detroit Federation of Labor took petitions to circulate in their unions.

A movement is being organized among students of the University of Michigan to force the reinstatement of four students expelled from the university for membership in the National Students League and for anti-war activities.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Plans are being forwarded to a Labor party ticket on the ballot in the coming elections. The Labor party was sponsored by the Radio and Electrical Workers Union in the local General Electric Plant. A conference held August 21 was attended by 21 organizations at which a Continuations Committee was set up, which is now in active charge of the election campaign.

### SURVEY SHOWS JUMP IN PRICE OF WAR STOCKS

#### EXPENDITURE ON WAR SUPPLIES UP

NEW YORK, Sept. 16—Big jumps in prices of stocks of companies engaged in manufacture of war materials—airplanes, steel, arms, munitions, automotive, shipbuilding concerns—are indicated in a survey made by Business Week. Prices of war shares on London and Paris stock exchanges were compared by its foreign correspondent. In France, eight war shares rose from a price index of 96.9 in January to 152.9 in July (100 equals September 1934 level) while the index of 300 general stocks rose only from 91 in January to 103 in July.

In Britain 10 war shares rose from 103 in January to 143.9 in July, while index of 40 general industrial stocks rose only from 103.9 to 109.9 in same period.

During the last year stocks of the big Italian companies, such as Montecatini, Fiat, Breda, Terni, and Isotta Fraschini have risen an average of 150 per cent.

## BOSS'S LETTER BRINGS ANSWER

HOP PICKER TELLS SIDE OF STORY THAT RANCH OWNER DIDN'T

This appeared in the S. F. Chronicle "Safety Valve" on Sept. 10:

Editor the Chronicle—Sir: I read in today's issue of the Chronicle that an investigation shows that inexperienced hop pickers sent to Sonoma County could earn no more than 50 cents per day. In view of this "the San Francisco office of the S.F.A. yesterday halted the cutting off of single employable men from the relief rolls."

Would like to write my experience regarding men who came to my hop yards to pick hops. These men were in the Navarro work camp and most of the were elderly men. There were 50 men and not one has left my employ; they have picked clean hops throughout the whole job.

The minimum amount earned by the oldest and slowest is around \$1 per day. The average earning has been approximately \$1.50 per day. If they are not willing to work when given an opportunity to assist the farmers of this State to harvest their crops, should they be kept on the S.F.A. rolls?

A. F. Moulton.

Ukiah, Sept. 6, 1935.

SANTA ROSA—Comrade Editor: I am one of the 50 sturdy, faithful, elderly workers who have vested Mr. Moulton's hops. I have written a few things for the Western Worker. The among others, I mention these to identify myself.

Camp Navarro was a work camp for homeless resident paupers with votes. On August 22 a Federal placement man came with a truck from the Moulton Ranch, 30 men, with a scant half hour's notice, were ordered to pack up and leave for the hop fields. The alternative was immediate dismissal from the relief rolls.

#### \* Rotten Conditions.

The accommodation for the men at the Moulton Ranch consisted of a wooded piece of ground near the river, nothing else. The hops were drying on the vines. Due to the lateness of the years there was a shortage of labor. Mr. Moulton was compelled to arrange for credit so that the men could procure cooking utensils and food. For bedding there were a few tents.

The first night, most of the men slept as best they could, by a fire.

Sanitary arrangements are totally inadequate. Four dirty little toilets set out in the open field for the use of some 200 old men, women and children. In consequence, the river is befouled.

Mr. Moulton, who is a power in local politics, commanded blankets from the state insane asylum in Ukiah. Also he furnished loads of flea-infested chaff, that had been scratched over by a flock of turkeys, for mattresses.

#### \* On Job Before Sun-Up.

The market demands clean hops (without leaves or stems). Professional hop pickers will not pick clean. Inexperienced, fear-ridden paupers do as they are told. Mr. Moulton hastened to send for the remaining men at Camp Navarro.

His statement that the men earned an average of \$1.50 per day is correct—it is incomplete. As early as 3 a. m. little fires began to glow in the camping grove. Before daylight the pickers are in the field. They rejoice if there has been a dew. The hops will weigh a little more.

It takes nimble fingers, small hands and ambidexterity to make anything resembling wages. The old, work-worn slaves have knotted, stiff fingers. They have been told that until November there will be no relief. So they pick.

#### \* "Grace Bros." Got Them.

Prices of food have soared. It is also harvest time for the local store-keepers. The men have no time to cook. They live on tinned foods. The \$1.50 nearly dwindles to half.

They have never been "on the bum." Fear of the unknown makes them stay to the bitter end.

Mr. Moulton, duly appreciative, when his hops were picked, sent the whole lot down the river. Grace Bros. in Santa Rosa can use old, worn, fear-ridden slaves to pick clean hops for a pittance.

(Johannes Steel in New York Post, August 9, 1935). "Large government expenditures for war supplies in connection with the threatened war in Africa" is the chief reason given by Barron's (August 5) for the 70 per cent rise above 1932 level already recorded for 74 Italian industrial stocks. United States interests in the bonds of some of these Italian firms were listed in the August Economic Notes.

## Ship Building Firms Gang Up on Government

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—That shipbuilding firms have "ganged up" on the government in attempting to put over outrageously high bids for warship construction, was a charge made today by Senator Nye (R., N. D.), chairman of the Senate munitions committee which investigated naval shipbuilding this year.

Recent bids for a 10,000-ton cruiser, according to figures just released by the Navy Department, were \$17,920,000 by United Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.; \$17,600,000 by Bethlehem Shipbuilding; \$17,000,000 by Federal Shipbuilding, and \$15,525,000 by Newport News Shipbuilding.

The prices not only showed evidence of collusion on the part of the bidders but set a new high for cruisers of this type.

## I.L.D. LAUNCHES OXNARD WAR ON POLICE TERROR

THREE WORKERS IN COURT SEPTEMBER 18—PROTESTS ARE NEEDED

OXNARD, Calif., Sept. 15.—In the fight launched by the International Labor Defense to break police terrorism here, all Oxnard workers are urged to pack the courtroom of Judge Pettis here next Wednesday to demand the release of three workers victimized by the police, and all workers in other areas are urged to send immediate protests to the court by mail or telegram.

Last Sunday Pauline Lemos saw Police Chief Kerrick beating and kicking some Mexicans, whom she did not know, but the brutality caused her to remark, "You don't mind kicking and beating people."

Kerrick ordered her home, and she and her party immediately drove to the Lemos home. As they were getting out of the car, the police car with four policemen drove up and the officers attacked Pauline. Her father and another man in the party protested, were beaten and arrested. Pauline Lemos, who is 20 years old and weighs approximately 95 pounds, received a cut on the back of the head and a black eye in the process of her arrest.

When the workers were arraigned, they demanded a jury trial. Judge Pettis replied: "No, sir, no jury trial in my court. I won't have it. Why, I am not going to call MY friends away from their business to sit on a disturbance of the peace charge."

Twenty odd years ago I had a jury trial and it was no good, only set things mixed up."

The workers pleaded not guilty and were released on \$500 bail each, which was raised by the I. L. D. branch here.

Police Chief Kerrick has been indicted by the Ventura County Grand Jury for his brutality against prisoners in the County Jail. He is now on trial.

Mexican workers in particular have been singled out for intimidation by Chief Kerrick and his legalized thugs in a systematic campaign of terror in Oxnard.

## SEATTLE FAKER WILL NOT SEAT FED. DELEGATES

ILA PDESIDANT AGAINST MARITIME UNITY

SEATTLE, Wash. Sept. 16.—Boilermakers' Union delegates, representing workers who loyally stuck by the maritime workers in their struggle last year, were kept out of the Washington Maritime Federation Council by Art Will, reactionary president of the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-12.

Appearing upon invitation and informed that their San Francisco local delegates had been seated in the Federation Council there, the Boilermakers presented their credentials and a check covering their per capita tax at last Friday night's meeting, applying for admission.

Will fought their admittance until after September 30, so as not to involve any more crafts than necessary. His action is considered by rank and file unionists here as a direct slap in the face of the Boilermakers' solidarity offer and a direct blow at the corner stone upon which the Maritime Federation is built—"An injury to one is an injury to all."

President Will also steam-rollered through the council a motion to exercise disciplinary action against any delegates giving news of the council's stand or action in any labor matter, to the Voice of Action, militant Northwest trade union paper.

BOYCOTT THE BERLIN 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES

## FREE HERNDON CAMPAIGN AT CRUCIAL POINT; NEED NAMES

Signatures Must Be in S. F. Office By Sept. 25—Eleven U. S. Congressmen Sign Petition to Gov. Talmadge

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—All completed signature lists in the campaign to free Angelo Herndon must be in the office of the International Labor Defense here not later than September 25.

All funds should be at the district I.L.D. office on the same date. These two points were emphasized by the International Labor Defense here today.

The National Committee for the Angelo Herndon Campaign must have all signatures on the first million petition not later than October 7. Meanwhile, the campaign to obtain the second million signatures will be intensified and all friends and organizations are urged to continue with collection.

District 12 headquarters of the I.L.D. headquarters are at 1005 Market Street, Room 410, San Francisco. All funds and petitions should be sent through the headquarters.

#### PROMINENT NAMES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Eleven United States Congressmen, four state representatives, two city mayors and many other public officials have signed petitions addressed to Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, demanding the freedom of Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist sentenced to from 18 to 20 years on the Georgia chain gang.

The petition also demands repeal of the "insurrection law" of 1866, under which Herndon was indicted, and the smashing of the indictments under this law which now are pending against eighteen other Negro and white workers.

More than 170,000 signatures to the petition already have been received by the Angelo Herndon Petition Committee, Room 610, 80 East Eleventh Street, New York City. Approximately 70,000 petitions, each with space for 100 names are still in circulation.

#### NEW ENGLAND

Lewis W. Furr, a Jewish farmer in Marlow, Vermont, writes the committee:

"Imagine me, a poor Jewish farmer, who never went to school, scouring the countryside of this very conservative New England region and holding forth on the Declaration of Independence, Abraham Lincoln, and the 20-year chain-gang sentence of Angelo Herndon."

"Enclosed find the petition for Herndon's freedom, filled with 100 names. I have been working on this petition several days and nights. . . . When the full 100 was secured, I felt very happy, and entered the home of a friend dancing a jig and waving the petition high in the air. . . ."

The present petition campaign is a race against time. When the Supreme Court reconvenes in October, it will have the question of a rehearing in the Herndon case before it. The work of the next few weeks the collection of signatures and the demonstrations, the protests to Governor Talmadge, the letters and telegrams to the

U. S. Supreme Court urging a rehearing—in other words, the sum total of mass pressure—will decide the fate of Angelo Herndon.

#### \* Ingenuity.

During these crucial weeks, in which the specter of Angelo Herndon in chains on the roads of Georgia looms very large, workers are showing tremendous skill and ingenuity in the struggle for his liberation. Where good methods of work are used, it has not been difficult to collect signatures to the petition.

A worker in West Frankfort, Ill., writes: "Received your petition about noon and secured 100 signatures by 3 o'clock." A worker in Dallas, Tex., sends the following letter: "Herewith petition to Governor Talmadge, with 63 signatures thereon. These names were obtained by a Negro minister. Neither racial lines nor religion nor politics stand in the way of our friendship, and we were both glad to give this work our attention."

In Pittsburgh, Penn., members of the Young Communist League received permission from the owners of several movie and legitimate theaters, and from the owners of halls, to set up tables in the lobbies. The tables contained Herndon petitions, a supply of pencils, and literature on the case. Behind each table one or more workers were stationed. The method was extremely successful; hundreds of signatures were obtained.

#### \* Time Is Short.

But the tempo of this campaign must move more swiftly. At a time so crucial, indifferent methods of work are a crime against the working class and the Negro people. Two million signatures must and can be collected. ONE MILLION OF THESE MUST BE COLLECTED BY THE TIME THE SUPREME COURT RECONVENES ON OCTOBER 9TH.

Let there be no organization of workers, farmers, students, intellectuals or professional people into which we fail to bring, sharply and clearly, the fight for Herndon's liberation. Every meeting, picnic, political rally or affair of any considerable size should be covered with Herndon petitions. Influential persons have signed these petitions—how many more such signatures would they bear if proper pressure were brought to bear?

The chief weakness in the Herndon campaign is the trade unions. Yet, where the issue has been brought into the unions, considerable success has been obtained. Work in the trade unions must be pressed.

The approximately 200,000 signatures that have been collected come from 47 states, the District of Columbia, and five foreign countries. The successes we have obtained in the petition campaign are a token of our strength.

## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

The trial of Leo Gallagher has been postponed from the seventeenth to some future date which is not yet decided. Gallagher is in Europe.

The James Workman trial in Jackson has been postponed from the 17th to the 25th. Write to the Amador County authorities, demanding his immediate release.

#### THE SEPT. ORG LETTER

The September I.L.D. Org Letter deals primarily with the Plan of Work adopted at the District Executive Committee Meeting on September 8th.

Dues and Recruiting: The quota given to our district is 500 new recruits and 1,000 average monthly dues payments by the end of 1935. . . . the following quotas have been proposed for branches already in existence or territories where the district will be responsible to establish same:

East Bay	225
San Mateo	30
Fresno	50
Eureka	60
Sacramento	25
Chico	55
Jackson	50
Vallejo	15
Santa Cruz	35
Salinas	15
Palo Alto	15
Watsonville	25
Stockton	20
Pismo Beach	25
Mt. View	20
Santa Rosa	15
Richmond	18
Monterey	10
San Jose	15
Modesto	10
Crockett	10
Tulare	12
Petaluma	10
Dick Parker (S. F.)	60
Mooney-Patterson	55
Mission	30

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Nagura . . . . . 30  
Torre . . . . . 20

By the creation in each I.L.D. branch of a corps of dues collectors, each one of whom will be in charge of five to ten non-attending members to collect their dues, sell them literature, contact them through their relatives, shopmates and friends and attract all of them to support the I.L.D. Such . . . functionary therefore becomes our key person for building up our organization.

#### PRISON RELIEF:

The work of prisoners relief is a basic task of the I.L.D. second to none. No branch can be considered a well-functioning one without developed relief activities. The National Office has therefore set the following concrete tasks:

All functioning branches should at the end of this year have adopted a political prisoner or a family WITH A PLEDGE OF NOT LESS THAN \$3.00 PER MONTH. (The exception to this minimum rule are the branches in the South.) These pledges are to be sent in to the District Office, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ANY BRANCH SEND ITS PLEDGE DIRECTLY TO THE PRISONERS (Long-Term.)

This can be accomplished by (1) Appointing or electing a member as Prison Relief Director to be responsible to see that there are activities to broaden and draw into this important activity mass organizations, neighborhood groups, and individuals. (2) To keep in touch with the District Prison Relief Committee which is headed by Mrs. P. Scott.

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK

We propose that branches adopt the program of having the first

## Labor Party's Rapid Growth Summarized

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The demand for a National Labor Party is growing, with the steps being taken to form Labor Parties in various cities and states throughout the Nation.

Connecticut and Oregon State Labor conventions have gone on record in favor of a Labor Party; it will come before the Illinois Convention; and in New Jersey it was beaten by reactionary leaders by a small margin. New Mexico started a Labor Party at a convention called for that purpose.

Leading cities with Labor tickets in the field are San Francisco, Detroit, Passaic, and Schenectady. In New York local and neighborhood united front candidates are receiving the full support of the Communist Party.

This being an off-year, with elections being held in only a few cities, has limited the number of tickets in the field. Nevertheless, action toward forming a Labor Party has been taken in Oakland, San Diego, Chicago, and many other cities.

## DRIVE AGAINST FOREIGN BORN SEAMEN BEGUN

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN CONCERTED DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Indications that the Labor Department is planning a concerted drive against militant foreign born seamen are seen in the arrest in this city of Rinaldo Lepori by agents of the Department of Justice on the charge of carrying a falsified A. B. certificate. U. S. attorney McPike has been quoted as trying to link up alleged forgeries with Communists and other militant seamen, which would give shipowners one more weapon in their strike-breaking activities.

The Department of Labor is at present trying to force the deportation of Karl Karlson, Detroit seaman, taken from his lake boat in June by immigration inspectors. Karlson, who entered the United States in 1923, illegally, is now out on bail pending appeal of his case.

Three other seamen, members of the Scandinavian Workers Club of New York City, also face deportation. Arthur Hermausen, on account of sickness had overstayed his 60 day limit allowed by three days, and was taken to Ellis Island although provision is supposed to be made for extending the time when sick. Wohlin, another member of the Scandinavian Workers Club, had been on shore fifteen days after being fired from his boat when he was seized for deportation.

## "HEARSTLESS SUNDAYS" IN L. A. CHOSEN

SECOND EDITION OF ANTI-HEARST EXAMINER

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—Led by the Friends of the Soviet Union, workers of Southern California will celebrate "Hearstless Sundays" on Sept. 22 and 29 as a furtherance of the growing boycott of the Fascist publisher, William Randolph Hearst.

All workers are urged to discontinue purchasing Hearst newspaper or patronizing Hearst enterprises, such as motion pictures, on Sept. 22 and to maintain the boycott from that day henceforth.

The second edition of the "Anti-Hearst Examiner," which proved so popular among Los Angeles workers in its first edition, appeared on the streets here today to serve as a rallying point in the boycott campaign.

The Friends of the Soviet Union will stage its Fifth Annual Concert on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Mason Opera House, 127 So. Broadway. Excellent artists are promised, and Drs. F. W. Ingvald, recently returned from the Soviet Union, will lecture on "The New Culture."

half hour of branch meetings devoted to educational. Branches meeting every week should arrange educational every other week at least. That every branch (outside of San Francisco, where 4 classes will be held in the near future with branches assigning two comrades each for same) assign at least five comrades to form an I.L.D. study group, for the study of I.L.D. organizational problems.

That a standard bookkeeping system be installed in all branches by the end of the year.

LABOR DEFENDER  
That every branch should raise its paid circulation at least 25% with special emphasis on subscriptions from each branch.  
A pamphlet on the C. S. frame-up, by Mike Quinn, will be released by our National Office shortly. These should be sold in thousands everywhere. Watch for date of release.

## MEAT STRIKE IN CLEVELAND

Housewives to Fight Against the High Cost of Living

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Storekeepers here have wired the President, demanding that meat prices be reduced, after a successful one-day strike of Cleveland housewives against the high price of meat.

#### \* City-wide Boycott

Housewives here are planning a city-wide meat boycott to force a 20 per cent reduction in the present exorbitant prices. Storekeepers are planning to meet the strikers with an injunction against the strikers and against U. S. Elora, Hungarian daily which is supporting the strike.

A committee of 100 has been chosen to spread the strike to portions of the city not yet picketed. The housewives are determined to continue the fight against high prices, which started in Los Angeles and spread to many other cities, notably Detroit, until the cost of living is brought down to a reasonable level.

Trial of twelve men and women arrested when police attacked pickers has not yet come up.

#### \* Interview Refused

DETROIT, Sept. 16.—A delegation of housewives, headed by Mary Zuk, leader of the Detroit meat strike, were refused an interview with Mrs. Roosevelt, here to open a slum clearance program. Their purpose was to inquire into her position on the high cost of living, and her formula for feeding a family on seven cents a day.

The slum clearance project, consists only of clearing six short blocks in the local district, as a result of the Supreme Court decision denying the government the right to condemn houses to clear the way for public housing.

## SCOTTSBORO BOYS TRIAL NEXT MONTH

JURY ROLLS TO INCLUDE NAMES OF NEGROES

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 16.—New trials of the Scottsboro boys will probably begin next month at Decatur, Alabama, according to a statement made here last week by Lieutenant Governor Thomas E. Knight, special prosecutor in the case.

Knight announced that the jury boxes in Morgan County (Decatur) are being refilled to include names of Negroes.

The jury rolls of Jackson County (Scottsboro), however, still remain fully white. According to the Jackson County Sentinel, no names of Negroes have been added. The new indictments against the nine boys were sworn out by Victoria Price at Scottsboro, after the U. S. Supreme Court had reversed the convictions and ordered the indictments quashed on the ground that Negroes had been systematically barred from juries in both Morgan and Jackson Counties.

The Welch Bill, providing for the refilling of jury boxes to include the names of Negro citizens, has been passed by the Alabama legislature. The bill empowers the jury boards to refill jury boxes immediately.

## POLICE ATTACK 5000 PICKETS, KILL TWO

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ists and sympathizers who were demonstrating in front of the city hall, demanding that Farmer-Labor Mayor Latimer remove the chief of police and also rescind the 35 per cent relief cut recently put into effect.

#### \* Farmer-Labor Mayor.

Meanwhile the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works, against which the Machinists Union had been conducting a strike for eight weeks demanding union recognition and a closed shop, was closed down by order of Governor Olson.

Latimer had been chosen mayor of Minneapolis as candidate for the Farmer-Labor Party after the police had carried out a slaughter similar to this during the strike of Minneapolis truck drivers. Latimer was elected principally on the strength of his promise to remove Chief of Police "Bloody" Mike Johannes.

The Communist Party is demanding that Mayor Latimer withdraw the police, arrest the murderers, and remove Police Chief Forestal. It is also calling for the expulsion of Latimer from the Farmer-Labor Party. The same sentiment was expressed in a mass protest meeting called by the Women's Federation of the Farmer-Labor Party and by two ward clubs, to protest the shootings. The 1500 workers present booed Latimer vigorously when he tried to speak.

BOYCOTT HEARST ADVERTISERS!

## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Printers Boycott Olympic Games Chinese Communists Socialist Youth Swiss Fascists Lose Arctic Passage

CANADA—A resolution calling for the boycotting of the Berlin Olympic Games to be held in 1936 was passed unanimously by the delegates to the 79th annual convention of the International Typographical Union, meeting in Montreal. The resolution gives as reasons for this action the ruthless campaign of persecution of Jews, and of Catholics, and Protestants which will not submit to Nazi church dictatorship.

JAPAN—Because Chiang Kai Shek's anti-Communist campaign is getting nowhere fast, Japan is getting worried and preparing to step in to lend military aid to the Chinese warlord. This was openly stated by Major General Rensuke Tsogai, who forced the restoration of the Chinese government, of Wang Ching-wei, pro-Chinese governor who had to resign because of popular dissatisfaction with his open alliance with Japanese imperialists. Tsogai pointed out that the only effect of Chiang's campaigns has been to spread Communist influence to other regions and to bring the Chinese Red Army nearer to Japanese spheres of influence in north China and Mongolia.

## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

As the infant WPA learns to walk with staggering uncertainty, he reminds us more and more of his dead brother CWA. He demands longer hours attention and will pay less for his care but the resemblance in many ways is startling. "Froud papa Dalton is very careful not to expose infant WPA's buttocks to public gaze as it is whispered by those close to the 'new deal' family that the child is birthmarked. Those who have glimpsed the marking state that it strongly resembles a pick and shovel crossed and suspended above a wheelbarrow."

Poor deceased CWA was horribly handicapped and deformed by the same kind of mark. Infant WPA is supposed to grow up and become socially useful. But he must not conflict with private profit... Ill fated... Unhappy child...

Afternoon teasippers and nite time cocktail-lappers of Baltimore yapped so loud between drinks and sips about the servant problem and that relief workers were refusing jobs that Harry Hopkins sent Edwin J. Webster of FEPA to investigate.

Webster's investigation disclosed that of 195 cases reported as refusing jobs there was only four cases that might be classified as unjustified refusals. In the remaining cases the charges were false or the refusal was due to extenuating circumstances...

Roosevelt says, "Relief is sapping the vitality of the nation."

One of the "forgotten men" who helped elect him when interviewed yesterday on Towne ave. has this to say:

"For three years I've been out of work. I've ate do-nuts until I walk in circles. My vitality is being sapped alright enough but it's lack of proper food that's sapping it. I'm tired of living on hay. I'm not a cow, so I'm gettin' damn tired of standin' for Roosevelt's 'Bull'... What this country needs is a damn good revolution..."

Mrs. D. E. in Boyle Heights to keep the county from forcing her to dispose of her pet dog, told the investigator she was keeping the dog for Mac West.

The very next week she was denied adequate relief... on the basis that Mac West was paying her to keep the dog...

Extract from a relief worker's diary: "Tues. Sept. 3. Slugged, beaten by police and Hearst thugs. Taken from the picket line to jail."

"Wed. Sept. 4. Bailed out by International Labor Defense."

"Fri. Sept. 6. Cut off relief by L.A.C.R.A."

In case you wish to protest or verify, the case Number is 155909. The worker's name is Chas. Silverberg. The investigator is Mahlin. The excuse, "he refused a job."

The truth, "he did not."

The Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, Huey Long's funeral orator said, "Long's share-the-wealth movement will not die with him."

As our poet friend aptly phrased it, "Huey is gone but the hokey goes on..."

Union pickets patrolling outside the boxoffice remind the would-be customers that the Million Dollar theater at Third and Broadway, in spite of its high sounding name, is a cheap scab joint that refuses to pay a living wage to its employees.

Harry L. Hopkins, national chief of the WPA and FEPA is slated to arrive in Los Angeles Sept. 22. Will "Sultan" McLaughlin believe to bid him welcome?

## Seattle Seamen To Combat Propaganda Of The Shipowners

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 16.—At the Sailors' Union of the Pacific meeting here last week a committee was elected to investigate into the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of James Pierce, militant union seaman reported missing and who has not been heard from for more than three weeks.

Four thousand extra copies of the Voice of the Federation are being distributed in Seattle residential districts, to acquaint the general public with the maritime unions' side of the agreement expiration on Sept. 16, and to answer the lies which the ship owners have published in the capitalist press.

A motion was passed to retire President Andy Furuseth on a pension. A similar move was made by the San Francisco Sailors' Union branch a week ago.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

# News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

## Boss Tool Killed Ross, Says Worker

HE WAS EVERY INCH A UNION MAN

Clean Out the Thugs  
OUR ENEMY USED ONE OF OUR MEMBERS FOR A JOB

By a Member of the I.S.U.  
SAN PEDRO—Arthur Ross, member of International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-82, victim of vigilantism, was cremated Sunday, Sept. 8 and his ashes will be scattered at sea. Preceding the cremation the funeral was held at the Cleveland Undertaking parlor where a large gathering paid their respects to the departed brother.

The crowd filled the chapel and overflowed into the street, and few eyes were dry after the three speakers had reviewed Ross's life work as a union man, and described the cowardly deed of the car who struck him down. The crowd was composed of nearly all nationalities from the ranks of labor and business. Great banks of flowers, the gifts of many unions and individuals, showed that Ross was loved and respected.

\* Always a Union Man

Ross, formerly a member of the Marine Firemen's Union, but for several years following longshore work, made his home in San Pedro for about 15 years. Always a union man, he could always be found in the front line trenches of every strike and all union activity, always fighting for the workers' cause and struggling for a bigger and better union.

Quiet, unassuming, straightforward and unafraid, Ross never shirked his union nor the work he was called upon to do. He was a union man, every inch of him, and any gains in wages and working conditions in the past 15 years in the maritime industry, Ross helped to get.

He was struck down in front of the I. L. A. Hall on Sunday, Sept. 21, by Edgar Rueb. He struck his head on the pavement when he fell unconscious. Ross was taken by the police for first-aid treatment, while his cowardly assailant escaped. After a cursory examination and treatment he was turned out to wander in the streets, in a dazed condition, all night and part of the next day.

\* Police

His friends and fellow longshoremen, becoming alarmed when he did not show up, began a search, to find that the police had picked him up and thrown him in a drunk tank where he laid on the concrete floor all night. The police refused to let his friends see him or bail him out, and after he had lain unconscious for 16 hours or more he was released to his wife and friends who rushed him to the hospital.

He died at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4, without having regained consciousness.

Edgar Rueb was arrested and held for the inquest.

The coroner's report was that Ross had four skull fractures on the side of his head and at the base of the skull. His arm was injured and his lip was cut. The doctor stated that an X-Ray picture showed a broken neck.

\* Murderer Mere Tool

Rueb, the murderer of Ross, is also a member of the I. L. A. and a known bully and vigilante. But he is only the tool. Others, higher up, are known to the longshoremen of San Pedro, and the whole dastardly affair can be connected up and traced to the shipping interests and other employer organizations and their propagandists.

We, the longshoremen, and all seafaring men and all workers must purge our unions of these vicious hirelings and puppets of the employers, whether they be rank and file or officials. We must organize and prepare ourselves so in the future it will be unsafe and unprofitable for these unprincipled murderers, tools, and the ones above them, to come into our ranks and murder or even attempt assault on one of our brothers.

It is more than the death of a trusted and beloved brother and it is more than the loss of a union man. Our enemy has killed one of our members, and has used another of our members to do the job.

Eyewitnesses of the assault on Ross have been secured, and other witnesses are being lined up to show that the whole outrage was premeditated.

Rueb is to be arraigned and a date will be set for his hearing.

Brother Ross gave his life for his union activity and devotion to labor's cause—all that any man can give. He was 35 years old and leaves a wife, Aurora Samson Ross.

## PWU GETS AID FROM SERA FOR 2 JOBLESS MEN

WAREHOUSEMAN GETS \$8—WITH COMMITTEE

(By a Worker Correspondent)

OAKLAND—The Public Works and Unemployed Union, on Monday, Sept. 9, took up the case of a man who had been in the very best of health, husky and athletic, until he had been so badly injured on a SERA job that he had been on his back more than two months. He had been put on direct relief for two months, and then was given a doctor's examination.

The doctor, without doing more than looking at him, called it a case of arthritis and declared the worker unemployable, subject to being dropped from the SERA rolls and transferred back to the charities to wither away on the county starve diet. For five weeks he had received nothing from the SERA. A committee was elected from the PWU to take up this case, and also to fight for relief for one of the Warehousemen who have been locked out of the Santa Cruz Cannery.

The members of the committee included Harry Anderson, Dr. Bissell, Clarence Anderson, Mr. Butler and a brother from Local No. 4. They took the two workers to the SERA offices, started the Warehouseman through the red tape mill, and fought an hour's battle with the officials for the injured man. They got a verdict that as soon as a report was obtained from the county clinic they would reinstate him.

About this time the Warehouseman came back and reported he was refused relief until his need could be "verified." The committee went to bat for him right there, and six hours after he first knew where the SERA was located he had a food order of \$8.10 and his SERA card.

The next day they took the injured man to the clinic, pushed his case through the red tape, returned with him to the SERA offices with the doctor's report, and didn't quit till they got him a food order of \$8.10.

Drive the reactionaries out of the unions. Elect rank-and-file representatives. Fight for trade union democracy.

## Only Union Support Can Free My Son From the German Prison Camp

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—That Lawrence Simpson, American seaman now held in a Nazi concentration camp, has written to his brother in Portland, Ore., was discovered by the International Labor Defense.

Nazi jailers permitted Simpson to write only one line, in German, reading "Lieber Bruder! Ich bin noch gesund und munter. Dein Bruder, Lawrence." (I am still well and in good spirits, Your brother, Lawrence).

The printed heading reads "Konzentrationslager fuhrbuttel," and there is the stamp of the Nazi secret police. There is no date.

Simpson's brother, Melvin, wrote to Allan Steyne, assistant American consul at Hamburg, on July 29, asking for information. The consul has not yet answered.

Simpson has been an active member of the International Seamen's Union and his mail address was the Sailor's Union hall in San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—"I agree that only the support of the unions he belonged to, can win the freedom of my son from the German concentration camp," declared John G. Simpson in an interview with the International Labor Defense Saturday.

Simpson's son, Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman who grew up and went through school in Kirkland, Wash., and who shipped on the West Coast for many years, is now held in the Fuhrbuttel concentration camp in Hamburg. He was arrested aboard the S.S. Manhattan in Hamburg June 28, charged with anti-fascist activity.

The father made this statement after receiving a reply to a telegram sent to Senator Bone in Washington, D. C., Friday night. The telegram follows:

September 13, 1935.  
SENATOR HOMER BONE  
SENATE OFFICE BDLG  
WASHINGTON D C

ASK YOU INTERFEDE WITH SECRETARY HULL TO ASSIST AND WIN RELEASE OF MY SON LAWRENCE SIMPSON AMERICAN CITIZEN AND SEAMAN REPORTED ARRESTED ABOARD STEAM-

## Wage Cuts At Mare Island

By a Navy Yard Worker

VALLEJO, Calif., Sept. 16.—The government is going into the business of wage cutting with a vengeance at the Mare Island Navy Yards here. Recently government men with substantial ratings were fired. Meanwhile, the funkies of the bosses have been given higher ratings for their 'good' work.

But the men who have been fired are now offered new jobs at lower ratings—and less wages—than they had before being turned loose. The thing for us to do is to join a militant organization that fights wage cuts whenever they occur. The government will go on firing and re-hiring as long as the men can be fooled into "taking it."

## POLICE OFFICER STILL AT LARGE IN OXNARD, CAL.

GIRL JAILED, BULLIED, BY CHIEF KERRICK

By a Worker Correspondent.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Joe Kerrick, chief of police of Oxnard, who is under indictment by the grand jury on four counts of beating and mistreating prisoners, is making arrests of workers right and left. After beating them and throwing them in jail on charges they know nothing about, he uses the rawest kind of intimidation, trying to force them to plead guilty.

At the present time Pauline Leanos is in the Ventura County jail for having cried out against Kerrick when he attacked her father and another man.

Kerrick beat her up and threw her in jail. Now he is trying in every way possible to get her to plead guilty. He has even released her father and offered to drive her mother to Ventura to talk Pauline into pleading guilty.

When Kerrick appeared in court recently for a preliminary hearing on the brutality charges against him, his attorney, the judge and the prosecutor all agreed to postpone it.

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## GALLUP FIGHTS FASCIST REIGN OF TERRORISM

I. L. D. ACTIVE DEFENDING WORKING CLASS

SANTA FE, N. M., Sept. 12.—Two men appeared here yesterday from the I. L. D. of Gallup, seeking advice. They had been threatened with tar and feathers. The whole town is under fascist terror.

The I. L. D. is active under the most threatening conditions. It publishes a bulletin to the workers, in English and Spanish which cries:

"Why is it that hall owners are afraid to rent us halls for meetings? Why do they tell us to see the sheriff first? Is this the meaning of the Wagner bill? This continued intimidation is not going to force us to give up our rights to organize..."

"Sunday we held the first real meeting of the International Labor Defense since the terror. The only defense we have against vigilantes and hoodlums is the mass defense of the working class. The workers of the entire state are united with the workers of Gallup against the intimidation of fascist terror that is being used against us."

## President's Wife to Speak in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—"Community Chest" social workers, officers and representatives of "welfare" organizations, and social work "leaders" will be addressed here on Oct. 1 at Hollywood Bowl by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Her subject will be "Meeting Human Needs Unmet by Government."

Cosponsor will be Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, president of Mills College, who is a member of the National Mobilization for Human Needs Committee of which Mrs. Roosevelt is chairman.

Interesting will be Mrs. Roosevelt's comment—if any—on the starvation relief program of her President-husband.

## Scab Herding Thugs Go Hungry in Plant

CONHOCTON, Ohio, Sept. 16.—Seven thugs employed by the Novichy advertising company to protect scabs are going hungry, as a result of pickets preventing deliveries of food by postal employees.

## GRAFT AND MANSLAUGHTER ON THE OAKLAND PWA TUNNEL JOB

SIX COMPANIES ROB CONCRETE MEN OF \$1000 A WEEK, DODGE COMPENSATION FOR CAVE-IN

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Broadway low-level tunnel job, which is financed by the Public Works Administration, is riddled with graft and corruption. The workers are not only forced to work under extreme hazards but are actually being robbed of their pay, just as if they were looking down the barrel of a gun held by a highway thug.

When the contract was made certain rates of pay were agreed upon and these rates are posted at the check-in office.

The concrete laborers are hired at 78 cents per hour as shown on the printed list. The time-keeper checks them at this rate, but when the straw boss (nicknamed "Hardware Johnny") checks them through he puts the rate at 60 cents, and this is what they are paid.

\* "Honesty" by Error

One day this regular boss was off and the temporary one, not knowing the ropes, put the time through the same as the time-keeper, and for one day the men received their full pay. This 18 cents per hour is pure robbery, and amounts to a total of \$7.20 per week for each man. There are about 400 men in this classification when the job is in full swing, making a total per week of approximately \$1,100 stolen from this one group alone.

Three men were killed in the recent cave-in, and now the Six Companies, contractors on the job and the same scab outfit that built Boulder Dam, are trying to get out of paying any compensation to the families of the victims. They claim the State engineers misrepresented the formation as being virtually all solid rock, but when they got inside it was found to be a loose, slate-like shale.

\* Criminal Speedup

This stuff being easy for the miners, they were driven too fast and the timber men, trying to keep up, could not do a good job of timbering.

A steel core is used to pour the concrete lining and as this was moved along, the timbers that stuck out too far were cut down enough to permit the form to fit—instead of moving them back to make room. Sometime the 12x12 timbers are whittled down to as thin as 4 inches, thus weakening the whole timber structure.

Being a loose formation of this kind there is considerable water seepage. This twists the wet timbers till they become out of shape and useless, putting the tremendous weight on a few timbers, and these often snap under the terrific pressure.

\* "Suicide Squad"

Several days before the cave-in, engineers inspected the tunnel and declared this portion unsafe. All but the timber men were called off the job. This crew was ordered to go in there and timber this section. While they were doing this they came to one of these dry timbers that was virtually holding up the whole roof of the tunnel. When this one support was removed the mass of thousands of tons of loose rock crashed down and the timbering folded up like a telescope.

The daily press said only 35 feet of the tunnel collapsed, but the fact is that it was over 100 feet.

Although there was a slight possibility that one or more of these buried workers might be alive, the company refused to permit their fellow workers to attempt an immediate rescue, in spite of the fact that there were plenty of volunteers for the dangerous job.

\* Co. Negligence

The tunnel is a "twin bore" and at intervals there are "escape" tunnels running crosswise from one bore to the other. The air lines were destroyed by the cave-in, and for the men sent in to clear the debris from the inside end of the cave-in the only air they had was what came to them from the other tunnel through this small escape passage.

If a cave-in had occurred in the other tunnel these men would have been trapped like rats, without air, and would have died of suffocation before any aid could possibly reach them.

Criminal negligence on the part of the Six Companies is responsible for the fact that workers are injured there every day. Twice in one day the muck train ran wild down the tunnel, crashing into cars at the end, because of faulty brakes and the grueling speedup the men are constantly subjected to.

The straw boss called "Hardware Johnny" came with the company from Boulder Dam and earned his name from his slave driving tactics.

(For editorial comment see page 6.)

## Father of Seaman Illegally Arrested in Hamburg Not Satisfied By Assurance of State Dept. and Senator Bone

Held By Nazis



LAWRENCE SIMPSON, able-bodied seaman and American citizen was beaten and illegally searched and seized by Nazi secret police while aboard an American ship in Hamburg, Germany.

SHIP MANHATTAN JUNE TWENTY EIGHT IN HAMBURG GERMANY NOW HELD CONCENTRATION CAMP STOP CHARGE ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVITY STOP FEAR BRUTAL TREATMENT UNLESS STATE DEPARTMENT INTERVENES

JOHN G. SIMPSON KIRKLAND, WASH.

The reply: Washington, D. C. September 14, 1935.

"JOHN G. SIMPSON KIRKLAND WASH

REBEL SENATOR BONE OUT OF CITY STOP IN HIS AB-

SENCE HAVETAKEN UP SONS CASE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND AM ADVISED EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BEING DONE TO SEE THAT HE GETS A FAIR DEAL STOP DEPARTMENT WILL SEE TO IT THAT HE GETS PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND IS PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF STOP PERFECTLY CONTENTED AND GAINING WEIGHT

VIOLA MARKIE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO SENATOR BONE

Neither John Simpson nor Wesley Randall, district secretary of the International Labor Defense are satisfied with this assurance from the State Department. They point out that only a single line has been received from Lawrence Simpson since he was arrested in June.

Neither do they put much faith in the report to Washington, which comes from the American consul at Hamburg, who, according to the claim of the Nazi police who made the arrest, had given them the authority to make this arrest aboard an American ship, contrary to all international marine law.

The elder Simpson last week gave the International Labor Defense an authorization to retain legal assistance and act in his son's behalf.

He also addressed the following letter to Secretary Hull:

Kirkland, Washington, September 14, 1935.

Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On September 12th I was informed that my son, Lawrence B. Simpson, age 35, American citizen and A. B. seamen, on the S.S. Manhattan, was beaten and illegally arrested by four German secret service men on board S.S. Manhattan while the boat was docked at Hamburg, Germany, on June 28, 1935.

The report was brought to New York by Edward Walisch, ship delegate of the International Seamen's Union, when the S.S. Manhattan returned to New York. I am told officers of the ship refused to comment on Walisch's statement, that they refused to prevent the arrest, as they had the legal right to do since the ship was not under the German flag, neither would they comment on the reported statement of the German police, who, when asked about authority they had to come aboard an American ship to make an arrest, said that the American consul had given them the authority.

Walisch reported that the four secret police came aboard the S.S. Manhattan, raided Simpson's personal locker in the ship's fore-castle, confiscated his personal belongings including anti-fascist stickers and literature reading "Fascism must die if the workers are to live," forced him to take off his clothing, searched him and then brutally beat him before they took him off the boat.

Now believing that his arrest was illegal and fearing brutality, I am asking you to use your office and influence to affect his release at the earliest possible moment, and get him out of Germany.

I can assure you that he is an American born citizen, both he and his ancestors were born in the United States; he graduated from the High School here at Kirkland, Wash., also a term at the State College at Pullman, Wash. He has been employed by several big American for the last ten or twelve years, has property here and is a taxpayer.

To the best of my knowledge and belief he is not a Radical or a Communist, but thoroughly American in his ideals.

Trusting you will use your office and influence to effect his release at the earliest possible moment and get him back to America in safety.

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## Los Angeles

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KEEP OPEN the 27th of October, for the fifth Annual Concert of the Daily Worker at the Mason Opera House.

## Wagner Act Director Puzzled By Disputes

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—Back today from a Washington conference with 18 other regional labor board directors, Dr. Towne Nylander, regional labor board chief for Southern California and Arizona, is preparing to put into effect his "instructions" under the new Wagner Labor Disputes Bill.



# "LIFE BEGINS"—BUT WHAT THEN?

A film called "LIFE BEGINS," showing the growth of an infant from the age of four weeks to one year, deserved every bit of the interest it aroused during its recent three-day showing in San Francisco at the Women's City Club. But of greater interest than what was actually seen in this picture are the things that were not seen.

The film shows the development of mobility and intelligence of a particular infant (a boy). The method used is to photograph the boy at very natural moments in his struggle to move, wriggle, creep and finally walk. This struggle, which seems so difficult and handicapped to the viewer, is fortunately at no time discouraging or distasteful to the child. Extremely interesting are the surprising improvements in activity over periods as short as two weeks. Plainly, if we were able to retain our infant capacity to learn we would indeed be a race of superior adults, always curious, always investigating, always attempting to develop through action and thought.

Educational as this film is, its real usefulness would be, revealed better by indicating why, as adults, we seldom retain our infant capacity to learn, to adjust ourselves to life's changes and at the same time develop a more

complex and better life. And we would be grateful if the film's sententious narrator, the pedantic Dr. Gesell, would reveal to us the secret of furnishing our children such wonderful care in a capitalist state, outside the hospital laboratories of Yale's child clinic, where the film was made.

## "STEAMBOAT"—AND THE BARGEMEN'S STRIKE

Use of the motion-picture audience as sympathetic allies in a strike is well accomplished in the remarkable Bargemen's Strike leaflet issued by the San Francisco local. Describing the slush and sentimentality of the advertising for the Rogers picture, STEAMBOAT ROUND THE BEND, the leaflet contrasts this with the realities of working conditions on the Bay River boats.

Congratulation to the Bargemen for building popular support in this original and effective way, and at the same time educating moviegoers in the truth of the trash they allow to influence their thinking!

And to the Rank and File Strike Committee that put out this leaflet, we say, as they say to us at the end of the leaflet:

"We will know when you have won your battle—for then and not until then—Will we again hear the whistle of the . . . 'Steamboat Round the Bend'?"

## TO HUEY LONG

By CLIFF LECKRONE

Death, at last, has crowned you, Huey. Death crowns every man a king. Funny how a pistol bullet Equals us in everything.

You have been the kindfish, Huey. Now you're just a lump of clay. But we'll not forget you, ever. Workers are not made that way.

How can we forget you, Huey? When we know, ere hours have flown. That some other social-fascist Will ascend upon your throne.

He will say the same things, Huey. "Share our wealth"—share one and all! Militia, scabs, starvation wages. Hungry children, tears that gail.

If your God should judge you, Huey, In his court act like a man. Don't, for Christ's sake filibuster—Take what's coming, if you can.

# STRIKES ARE UNCOMFORTABLE

## A Short Story

By L. Wells

Cigars. Cigar smoke. Fading fumes of rich food. Surreptitious belches. Discreet wine sipped from the tablecloth. Crumpled napkins. Ashtrays; ashes; miniature mountains of java. Waiters, eyes peeled for tips. Coffee.

Six. Two from the bosses. Two from the union. One from the government. And James Golden, advisory attorney, State Labor Board.

An announcement. "Strikers' delegation outside. Says they made up their minds."

A quickening of attention. Eyes soporific with food and bellies plump with food coordinate, snap to attention. Backs pull up bel-lies from the comfortable after-dinner slouch; eyes bristle.

James Golden fans his hot, red face with a napkin. Hot as hell in this valley, this interior agricultural valley, blocked off by the mountains from the cooling winds of the Pacific. Swell fertile country but hot as hell. Wonder how the pea pickers and packers stand it, those fellows. Made for punishment. Big work-horses. Big, brown-backed husky fellows, bending from morning to night, working at top speed to beat the season.

Three of them came in. Spoken-men for the packers. Not brown workhorseish fellows at all. Little fellows with their bones pecking out of their shirts. No, not little. Tall fellows, but so thin they look little. Talkers, no doubt. The kind that shoot their mouths off and make little trouble.

The two A. F. of L. men on the Board squint at them suspiciously. Golden hides a smile. No love lost in that outfit. Only the other day Bill of the A. F. of L. saying they could get through in a jiffy if they only had the pickers to deal with. Trouble was the packers were run by a lousy bunch of Reds from Sacramento. The packers, stubborn as hell.

"Sit down, boys."

Cordial, that government chap. They say he's a personal friend of Perkins. Smooth. Knows how to handle these dumb clucks. Talks sweet and pretty to them and all the smoke blows away. Lucky for the growers they get a guy like that.

"What's on your minds?"

"We decided. We don't play ball unless the pickers get what they're after, too."

The union leaders look at each other in disgust. There you are. That's how the Reds wreck the unions.

"The pea pickers," says Bill of the A. F. of L., "aren't even organized."

"We know it," answers a cocky fellow from the strikers, "that's why we have to do business for them."

Not a bat of the eyelash from the Washington fellow. He re-lights his cigar which has gone out. "What's it going to get you, men?" he asks patiently. "We been fair with you; we met you halfway; you get everything you asked for, considering."

"Sure, so's the peas'll go out on time."

"Ass," thinks James Golden, "why else?"

"One of the growers speaks. 'Boys, it's as much to your interest as ours that we get a good crop shipped. Means wages for you.'

"And profits for you?"

"Golden sniffs. Why always bring that up?"

"Sure," the grower agrees. "We can't hire you unless we make money. We're not in business for our health. We want you to be satisfied. When we're satisfied, you're satisfied. You can't go against that. Ruin us by demanding higher wages, what's the result? We can't market our crops. We can't afford to plant. More men out of jobs."

"We're not working for our health either. You'll always eat, won't you? After the pea season is over, we're not so likely to eat."

James Golden squirms. Sweat oozes out of his pores. Tedious business, this arbitrating. Figured on being finished this afternoon at the latest. In the morning catching the T.W.A. plane out of Frisco for L.A.

What are they after now? That's the trouble with the lower classes. Give 'em a finger and they want a hand. You can't start in on concessions, that's Golden's opinion. It's what he tells the Board. You got to be firm. Give 'em their due and no more. The union representatives agree. They know; they've had experience with those ignoramus.

Take the pea pickers. Sure, it's hard work. What do they want, live off the fat of the land without turning a hand? Relief, maybe? It's work, but they get paid for it, don't they? Work is good for a man.

They're talking now, those dumb lugs. Saying what? They explain that they don't budge unless the pickers get 35 cents an hour and decent living conditions.

"What do they mean, decent

living conditions?" sneers Joe of the A.F.L. They explain. The pickers, mostly Mexicans and Filipinos, want more washrooms with running water and clean toilets. They don't want to live in tents. They want houses. They want medical attention for their sick. And about those men that get sunstroke in the fields . . .

The Washington fellow steps in here and begins counter-talking. There is no more mention of sunstrokes. Golden feels funny. So big brown workhorses get sunstrokes, too.

The cocky fellow from the strikers interrupts. "The pickers want . . ."

Geze, want, want, want. That's all Golden hears. They want this, they want that. And he has to miss his train on account of their wants.

. . . and sanitary living conditions for the women and children."

"Listen, says Golden. 'You can't teach greasers to be clean. So get it out of your heads. I had experience with them in the Imperial Valley. This is all a lot of Communist agitation from the outside. The greasers are lousy dirty and they like it. In Imperial, the Reds had the Mex transients so tied up they were scared stiff. I talked to them myself. They trust me. The Reds set guards and patrolled the Mex quarters with rifles. Some of the greasers themselves told me they didn't want to strike, they wanted to work, but the Communists forced them into a strike by terroristic methods.'

One of the packers turns white around the gills. "It's a dirty lie!" he shouts. "We know damned

well who had the guns in Imperial. The growers, their slugs, the police . . . we know who used terroristic methods!"

The Washington fellow steps in, smooth and sweet. He doesn't want trouble. He wants to get this thing settled and beat it back East.

"You're the leaders of this walk-out, aren't you?" he says, sizing up the three skinny guys. They nod. "Look here. We've given you everything you asked for. Your strike is a success. You can be proud to go back and face the men. You can say to them: See we got you this and that, Bill here, and Joe, from the Federation of Labor fought for you to the teeth. They're working for your interests. They belong to you. You got your own sitting right here with us. You won the strike. Now what's standing in your way?"

"We told you," says one of the three workers, sharp and clear. "This strike's no good to us if the pickers get left out in the cold."

"Be satisfied, boys," advises Bill of the Federation. "You wrung all kinds of concessions out of us . . . the growers, I mean."

"We don't go back to work until the pea pickers' conditions are met."

Golden has a headache. Hot and stuffy in this infernal room. Jawing, and more jawing. Pickers, packers; peter peter brought a pack of pickled pickers.

Beverly Hills. Cool, brick-shaded patio. Vines. Potted hibiscus. Iced drinks. Ping pong. Edna sunbathing in white linen shorts. Edna playing bridge. The beachclub. Yachting at Santa

Monica. Swimming, sailing with his two kids.

Instead, broiling like a live lobster in this hellhole. Why? Because of a swell job as State's attorney for the Labor Board. In the long run, everything's up to him. He knows the law. He can twist it. He does.

A swell job. Along with his lucrative practice in L. A. Bet-churlie he's satisfied. Except when he gets in a place like this. Except when he gets in a jam like this. Except when he meets up with a bunch of radical pigheaded packers who won't budge an inch and let him catch the morning plane back to L. A. and Edna and the kids and Beverley Hills.

For a lot of no-good lazy Mexican loafers who want a perfumed toilet. They ought to be glad they get work at all, instead of yelling off their heads for a few more paltry cents an hour. They ought to be glad the United States government doesn't ship them back over the border where they belong. By God, the government would do it, too, if white men could be got to work for as little as the greasers did. Those fellows. Trying to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Stirred up by a bunch of Red agitators from Sacramento. You can't tell Golden.

They ask Golden's legal advice, the two growers, the two union leaders, and the impartial arbitrator from Washington. The last word is up to him.

Golden clears his throat. He is hot, eyes, head, peeling lips. He wants to go home where it is cool and flowered and he can play with his two kids. He wants to gettchehell out of this burning, stinking, blazing agricultural valley teeming with hot life where he doesn't belong.

But he knows what's expected of him. He knows what he's being paid for. He knows that he's sitting in with a united Arbitration Board, all of the same mind. Controversy may rage. It might look like Bill and Joe, A. F. of L. top leaders, are stacked up solid against the two growers. An impasse may be reached; the government representative remain impartially silent. He knows that it's all stage-setting. Stage-setting for James Golden to speak his little piece.

Underneath they're all agreed. They're all against these lawfies who make trouble and by their trouble create nice, soft jobs for members of Arbitration Boards. Bill and Joe and the two growers and Miss Perkins' friends and James Golden. They talk like educated men. They have nice wives and sweet children and decent homes. They own cars. They have money. They draw interest and dividends. They understand each other.

It's up to James Golden to speak his little legal piece.

The pea pickers' delegates go back and tell the men the decision of the Arbitration Board; all the demands of the pickers will be met; not one of the pickers. Now what?

Vote! Pickers, packers, pickers.

"We don't touch a box until the pickers' demands are met!"

"The Mexican and Filipino workers are our brothers. Their wage cuts lead to our wage cuts. Their exploitation means our exploitation. We are no longer whites and they yellow or browns. We are united workers fighting together against our common enemy. We will fight the decision of this Arbitration Board and all future instruments of the ruling class devised to separate and divide us!"

Oh hell, thinks James Golden, another twenty-four hours of this bickering.

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Farm Income For July Shows Loss During Past Year

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—Farm income for July was well below the same month last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. Total income from farm products and AAA benefit payments amounted to \$451,000,000 against \$532,000,000 in July of 1934.

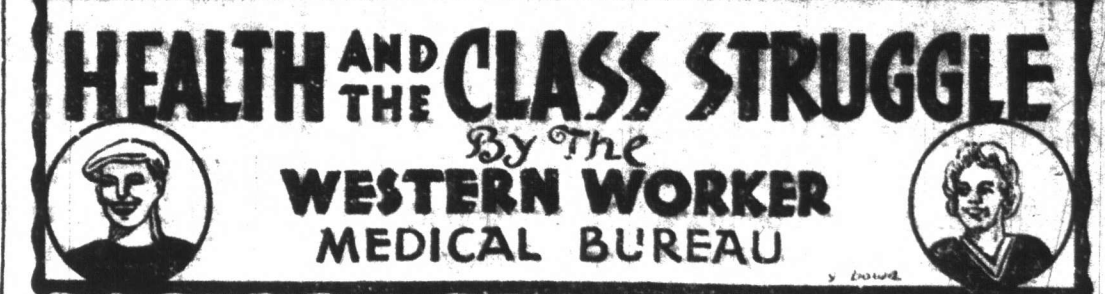
The actual income of farmers was cut more than that, since prices have risen during the last year. The small farmer suffered most, since the drought "relief" program of the New Deal cleaned out his livestock, which is bringing much higher prices today.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

The Sacramento C.S. Case To be published soon: A complete pamphlet on the notorious Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

Comrade Eva Robins devotes her article to the problem of training forces. The manifold activities of the Party require forces not only devoted to the Party and willing to make sacrifices, but also able to work with the masses and lead them in their struggles for Soviet power, for socialism. They will not be able to do so, as Comrade Robins clearly indicates, without having mastered the science of Communism—Marxism-Leninism.

A careful reading of these articles will help the Party member and revolutionary worker in the study of the decisions of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.



By FRANKLIN, E. BISSELL, M. D.

## MEDICAL BOONDOGGLE

As this column predicted, the SERA medical plan recently established in Alameda County has failed to offer adequate service, although listed in Alameda County has failed to

They are now sending "clients" who are chronically ill back to the clinics, although the original plan called for treatment of chronic cases also. Those who are acutely suffering have to cut through so much red tape to get service that by the time they can see the doctor, they are either lead or they have been sick so long that their cases are declared chronic (of long standing) and they are refused treatment.

The result is that only a small number of those needing medical attention are able to fight their way through the red tape.

Each time a doctor renders service, he is forced to fill in 6 or 7 large blanks. For this and for his medical services, he is paid \$1.25. If he should hire a public stenographer to fill in the blanks it would cost him 2 or 3 dollars and he would be losing money.

On top of all this, it probably costs the SERA large sums to furnish the small service that it does.

The counterplan proposed a number of months ago by the medical committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union would furnish first-class service at little more cost. This plan proposed that the SERA take over the existing public clinics and hospitals, enlarge them, and build new ones. Extensive laboratories could be built, physiotherapy apparatus put in, and drugs furnished on a large scale.

With service furnished on such a large scale most of the work could be done by specialists and could be organized so that there wouldn't be the tremendous waste that is a part of the individualistic practice of medicine. According to the plan, the doctors would be paid at the rate set by the county Medical Society instead of being exploited at the rate of 90 cents an hour, as at present in the clinics.

The patients would be able to choose which physician should treat them, and the doctors would be paid in proportion to the number of patients under his care.

A shining example of the excellent way in which such a plan would work is furnished by the Mayo Clinic, which is world famous for the wonderful results that it gets. As to the cost, a certain hospital in San Francisco removes tonsils for \$25, including everything. A first-class man

does the work on a salary basis and is paid well. Individualistic medicine is not able to do it for less than \$50 to \$100. The reason is simply that this hospital has the operation well organized and the surgeon does a number of them every morning.

## CANNED FISH

Oakland, Calif. Comrade Doctor: Now that beef, pork and mutton prices have gone sky high, and the workers will have to eat a lot of canned fish, what will be the effect on our general health from the cans? J.E.M.

ANSWER: If the cans have been sealed and stored properly, there is no danger from canned food, either from an infection or from the cans themselves.

## Ethiopia War Talk At Baptist Church

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15—"The Impossibility of Italy Conquering Ethiopia" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture by Mrs. Anne Sample McPherson at the Second Baptist Church, 21th and Griffith, here the night of Sept. 21.

The Friends of Ethiopia will also present their viewpoint on the defense of Ethiopia against the Fascist aggression of Italy.

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## PAMPHLETS

Review by JOHN MARKEL "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific"—by Frederick Engels—Fortieth Anniversary Edition—New York, International Publishers, 93 pages, 15c.

Perhaps there is no single word of international usage whose true meaning is less understood or has been more abused by would-be friends and foe than the word, "socialism." It has been used to classify the fantasies of individualistic dreaming, social reformers such as Saint Simon. It has been applied to political parties whose philosophy is dominated by a denial of the class struggle. It has even been incorporated into the title of the Fascist Party of Hitler.

Thus as early as 1847 in the writing of the "Communist Manifesto" there was felt a necessity for clarifying the issue, for using a word which could not be misinterpreted. Later with the growth of the working class movement the more popularly known word "socialism" came into greater use. With the disheartening failure of the leadership of the Second International made prominent by their treachery at the outbreak of the world war, it became evident that the word had again lost any real significance.

### \* Masterful Analysis.

When the Third International was established to accomplish the emancipation of the proletariat, it was necessary to go back to the unpolluted word "Communism" to typify its true working class character. However, in this small volume by that great thinker and leader, Frederick Engels, we have a masterful analysis not only of what Socialism is but how it will be achieved.

"Socialism, Utopian and Scientific" is taken from a larger book popularly entitled "Anti-Dühring" which was written to clarify the aims and fundamental principles of the socialist government and to refute certain disrupters and confused elements who were attempting to mislead and split the working class. In this pamphlet Engels shows the distinction between the scientific and what might be term-

## "Chapayev" Showing at Stockton Theater

STOCKTON, Sept. 16—The Soviet film, "Chapayev" which has shown to capacity audiences in West Coast theaters, will play at the Imperial Theatre here Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21. Chapayev, the "Red Commander," is a historic figure of the Revolution in Russia and his life and work supplied the story for this exciting film.

ed the idealistic or moralistic approach to social problems.

\* Utopian Socialists. The early utopian socialists, especially Robert Owen, were men of great vision with lofty ideals and were keenly sensitive to the injustice of capitalist economy. Their failure lay in their inability to analyze the economic structure of their society and the significance of its historical position. It took the masterful diagnosis of Marx and Engels to place Socialism on a scientific basis. However, in order to do this it was necessary to discard the idealistic philosophy of the day and the static conception of nature which viewed social and economic events as isolated phenomena guided solely by some spiritual being or purpose, and to substitute the dynamic scientific approach of dialectical materialism.

### \* Class Struggle.

With the application of this conception to history comes the realization "that all past history, with the exception of its primitive stages, was a history of class struggles, that these warring classes of society are always the products of the modes of production and of exchange." Now socialism is "no longer an accidental discovery of this or that ingenious brain but the necessary outcome of the struggle between two historically developed classes—the proletariat and the bourgeoisie."

Engels goes on to show how the antagonism inherent in capitalism developed, how the position of the worker changed in the growth from the feudal stage and how the future of the world lies in his own hands. How, through the proletarian revolution, "Man, at last master of his own form of social organization, becomes at the same time the lord over nature, his own master—free."

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### The State A. F. of L. Convention

The California State Federation of Labor convention now in session in San Diego will have many resolutions from trade union progressives to consider. Not the least important of these are the resolutions favoring the industrial type of organization and against the WPA anti-union wage scales.

News from the Indiana State Federation of Labor convention tells us that a resolution favoring industrial unions was passed after a two-day debate, and will be introduced at the National convention. The convention also supported joint action to combat the WPA sub-union wage scales.

Can we expect as much from San Diego?

That depends upon the strength that progressives and rank and file delegates have mustered in the convention. We may well expect that all such progressive measures will be fought by "conservative" labor leaders of the type of Scharrenberg and Vandeur, who have already bitterly opposed progressive action as exemplified by the joint action of unions composing the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and joint action of unemployed and employed organizations in defense of wage standards.

A vigorous fight must be carried through on these and other measures. They must be further carried into individual unions, central labor bodies, and the National Convention.

We may say without fear of contradiction that the red-baiting and anti-progressive stand of the "conservatives" (meaning "reactionaries") has played directly into the hands of employers, who find it convenient to quote the "steady, reliable, conservative Mr. Vandeur" and Mr. "Martyr" Paul Scharrenberg against such real labor fighters as Harry Bridges and rank and file leaders who have done so much to improve working conditions on the Pacific Coast and who retain the confidence of their fellow unionists (Bridges was overwhelmingly reelected as I.L.A. president last week).

He who finds grace in the eyes of the "Committee of 1000," Chambers of Commerce and other employer organizations, is the bosom pal of strike-breaker Rossi and his kind, is no labor leader to be proud of and must go, because he bars trade union progress.

State Federations everywhere are clearing the air for this major battle of progress versus reaction, for trade union democracy versus official bureaucracy. The Connecticut meet favored a referendum on the Labor Party; Illinois is having a bitter battle; Akron workers voted down Green's dictatorship in the matter of union head. Elsewhere, though progressive measures are temporarily defeated, the battle rages and will continue to rage until the way is cleared for widespread trade union action of the progressive kind.

California should join the vanguard in this fight.

### How to Prevent Cave-Ins—With a Labor Party

On Page Four, Column Seven, of this issue you will find a story of conditions on the Oakland low-level tunnel job. It's a first class example of the crying need for a United Front Labor Party which will put rank and file union men into public office.

The Six Companies dickered with the Public Works Administration and the District Highway board, made a bid and got a fat contract. Then, in their eagerness for profits they violated all the canons of common sense as well as the spirit of the contract. Suddenly they "discovered" that the tunnel was unsafe. Engineers said it was dangerous. The workers on the job knew it was liable to cave in.

But men were kept on the job until 100 feet of tunnel caved in and killed three workers—because the Six Companies would have lost the contract if they stopped work completely. This, of course, was laying the blame on the governmental red-tape artists.

That cave-in could have been prevented. If the workers on the job had been properly organized they could have struck the job with a demand that it be done properly, regardless of the rate of profit the company might make. If they had struck, the capitalist politicians would have called out the police, as they always do, to break the strike. And it would have been an interesting spectacle to see the armed forces of the state seeking to drive workers into a death-trap in the hillside at the point of a tear gas gun.

With Labor Party candidates in political office the workers on that job could have gone to their brother unionists and called upon them, in their capacity as supervisors, sheriffs, mayors, etc., to force the Six Companies to do the job properly. And if the companies should choose to resist such demands from these labor politicians the unions could have backed the fight in a very practical way—with strike action. And, turn about, a labor party sheriff could deputize the strike committees to maintain law and order and prevent any violence or bloodshed during the course of the struggle.

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

### Ernest Hemingway and The Murdered Veterans

"You're dead now, brother, but who left you there in the hurricane months on the Keys where a thousand men died before you in the hurricane months when they were building the road that is now washed out?"

Who left you there? And what's the punishment for manslaughter now?"

With these words Ernest Hemingway, famous writer and himself a veteran, one of whose books described the disintegration of the Italian army in the last war, closes his description of the Florida Keys tragedy.

Hemingway has turned to the columns of working class newspapers and magazines, to find ample scope for his burning indignation. His story, sent to the Daily Worker and the New Masses, is an eloquent indictment of the indifferent, buck-passing officials who were responsible for leaving our now unwanted heroes on the exposed keys long after warnings of hurricane weather were given. The relief train was dispatched too late, and wrecked in the storm. Bloated bodies, mostly of partially disabled veterans, were burned in a gigantic funeral pyre to prevent disease.

Hemingway writes: "But I would like to make whoever sent them there carry just one out through the mangroves, or turn one over that lay in the sun along the fill, or tie five together so they won't float out, or smell that smell you thought you'd never smell again, with luck. But now you know that there isn't any luck when rich bastards make a war."

These veterans were not only survivors of the World War, but survivors of the class war fought on Anacostia Flats and driven out by the mercenaries of the rich who make wars. Bankers and presidents do not cruise their yachts near the Keys in hurricane months! The simple moral of this final chapter of the tale of how capitalism treats its war-time heroes should not be lost on veterans and potential cannon-fodder everywhere.

A new world war is in the making!

Presently the battlefields will once more stink with the sickly sweet stink of rotting corpses that front-line veterans well remember—a stink that symbolizes the decay of capitalism and its frightful nightmare of destruction.

We welcome Ernest Hemingway into the ranks of writers whose pens add to the indictment of war and its causes—and its heart-rending consequences. His initial appearance in a revolutionary newspaper is significant of the rising tide of anti-war activity everywhere. We hope that his addition to the ranks of men like Barbusse, Rolland, Gold, Lawson, Frank Strachey, Gorky, Gile and others is permanent, and a fitting answer to those who would stay "above the battle."

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

### Speed Up the Save-Herdon Campaign

The campaign to save Herndon must be speeded up if we are to achieve the 2,000,000 signatures called for by the International Labor Defense. Elsewhere in this issue we print a report that U. S. Senators and Congressmen together with many other prominent public figures have signed the petition to Governor Talmadge of Georgia on Herndon's behalf. The story likewise reports how signature enthusiasts worked. We can learn from these experiences. It must be remembered that many hundreds of public figures and countless thousands of workers are interested in this case, and their signatures may be had for the asking.

Speed the campaign! Turn in petitions already filled, and take new ones! Approach ministers, doctors, movie actors and explain the significance of the Herndon case in the struggle for preservation of our democratic rights!

### Murder in Minneapolis By "Farmer-Labor" Police

"Two dead; two more dying; fifty wounded." Not a despatch from the scene of war, but the consequence of peaceful but effective mass picketing of the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works in Minneapolis.

The battle lasted two hours or more, and the strikers held their ranks firmly for a long time in face of the murderous fire by the police. There had been an attack on the previous evening, but the workers massed once more at the plant, this time five thousand strong, in protest against the strike-breaking activities of the police of the Farmer-Labor administration.

Farmer-Labor Governor Olsen and Farmer-Labor Mayor Latimer have much to account for. The Communist Party has launched a wide protest movement, demanding the firing of the chief of police and the expulsion of Mayor Latimer from the Farmer-Labor Party.

The Communist Party has repeatedly pointed out that a Labor party or a Farmer-Labor party must be firmly based on trade union masses and must have a militant working class program of immediate demands including the right to strike and picket. With such a Labor party in office, no such murder of our class brothers could take place. As for safeguarding ourselves against such acts of betrayal as exemplified by Mayor Latimer, the recall weapon must be actively used. The United Labor Ticket executive committee in San Francisco requires nominee to sign resignations in advance, for use if the platform is not lived up to.

We must exercise the strictest control over our elected representatives, mercilessly expose any distortion or evasion of worker-farmer immediate needs, and recall and expel representatives in any way guilty of permitting strike-breaking acts to be performed with official sanction.

"A nation has the right to change its form of government since the people who constitute a society or nation are the source of all authority in that nation."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

## Party Life

### Santa Fe Unit Tells Its Shortcomings And Tasks

This is the first contribution to a new department we hope to make a regular feature in the Western Worker, dealing with Party life and Party activities. Comrades in District 13 should be ashamed of the fact that the first contribution to our call for contribution on unit activities came from a section outside of our District. Unit agitprop directors should write in telling their experiences in carrying on Party work.

This letter will attempt to review the shortcomings and accomplishments of the Santa Fe unit, in brief:

#### \* Unit Shortcomings

Unit meetings are almost non-existent. The unit was formed in March, 1935. Two meetings were held prior to April 4, the time of the terror in Gallup, and two meetings have been held during the last two weeks. The best available forces we have, have had their time taken up almost exclusively by the Gallup defense and with work in the Liga Obrera which is a Spanish American workers' league of about 8,000 members with locals all over New Mexico.

In a unit of 8 members, nobody is paid up in dues, members being about 5 months behind. There is no literature distribution whatsoever and no agitprop work of any kind. The comrades in the Liga Obrera have been so busy with work there that they have not been able or willing to attend unit meetings regularly and have completely overlooked the question of recruiting into the Party to assure a healthy fraction within the organization.

#### \* Liga Obrera

The Liga Obrera is composed of Spanish-Americans, most of whom are small land owners, workers and unemployed. It was organized about a year ago and has gained great headway since. On the whole, a militant and class-conscious organization, the members, however, are largely under the influence of the Catholic Church. The organization recently defeated a pending criminal syndicalism law by mass demonstrations in the Senate chamber. Of late, their militance has been increasingly seeking a political outlet, and they spontaneously called for the information of a Labor party in New Mexico. Although we did not feel that we were yet ready, nevertheless we had to go along with them in order not to lose the confidence of the workers. This will illustrate the difficulties of the unit in carrying out party decisions on one of the most important questions of the day.

A provisional committee to form a Labor party was set up and calls to the trade unions, farmers' organizations, mass organizations, Socialist party locals, unemployed councils and all other workers' organizations were sent out. We enclose copies of the call. At the meeting held tonight the following decisions were adopted: 1-To meet regularly once a week. 2-Elect new functionaries who would commence work at once. 3-To maintain contact with the district office regularly. 4-To regularly order party papers and literature. 5-To commence a class in fundamentals of Communism at once. 6-To straighten out dues payments.

### Marine Workers to Bar Scab Cargo

JUNEAU, Sept. 11.—Marine unions on the Alaska boats are now refusing to unload cargo for the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Company at any port in Alaska, in support of the striking miners, it is reported.

This has been a weak point in the three month strike. It was caused by the activities in Seattle of Ted Danielson, president of the seaf Juneau Mine Workers' Association, who spread the report that the strike was settled. This false report has been corrected by Charles Crozier, vice president of Local 203, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, sent to Seattle to represent the Juneau miners.

The Alaska Miners' Defense Committee reports that all sixteen union men who face riot charges are now out on bail, raised by the committee. Every available piece of property in Juneau was needed, as the bail on each man runs from \$1000 to \$3000.

The committee also needs funds for legal expenses. To date about \$400 has been raised, but at least \$1000 is needed for the trials in October. Funds should be sent to the committee at Box 801, Juneau, Alaska, or to 309 Lyon Bldg., Seattle.

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

### "We Need a War"—Scharrenberg



## Speed-Up Increases Profits

### Employer Statistics Admit Rise In Exploitation

Recognition of the wide use of speedup and lay offs to increase an already increased profit rate for United States capitalists appeared in a recent issue of *Amalgamated*, financial organ, where S. W. Ellsworth remarks on the "unusually brisk increase in operating efficiency in the last year." He admits that when these "technological advances occur at an unusually rapid rate, as seems to be the case at present, the situation is naturally unfavorable from the standpoint of the worker who is thrown out of a job." He states also that even though

the speedup devices were introduced partly as a result of the "New Deal" legislation, "The exigencies of the depression would in the natural course of events have compelled manufacturers to continue to adopt labor-saving devices."

#### \* Profits Up

Results have, of course, been very satisfactory to employers, as he points out. The "increased efficiency" which has meant loss of jobs and near-starvation to thousands of workers and higher speed work for others, "has been reflected in unexpectedly favorable earnings reported from a number of leading companies." By way of illustration he gives increased second quarter net profits of American Telephone, du Pont, Chrysler, Union Carbide,

### Gain In Productivity Due To "Sifting" Of Labor Force

Public Service of New Jersey, General Electric, Westinghouse, General Foods, Commonwealth and Southern, National Biscuit, Wrigley, Corn Products, Packard and Gillette.

That machine tool industry is developing faster and faster machinery to swell employers' profits is clearly indicated in a report just made by magazine *Product Engineering*. In a survey of new trends in machinery design in 1934, it received reports from 362 companies manufacturing machine tools. Of these 43 per cent reported that they were turning out machinery with "higher speeds" than in previous year. And 48 per cent of companies reported that their new machinery resulted in "increased capacity or output." Possibilities of labor displacement by these machines is always one of main factors stressed by companies putting them on the market. Still further "progress" in this field is seen in 1935 developments.

#### \* Figures Show Speedup Drive

Volume of production in United States manufacturing industry rose in relation to man-hours worked from a ratio of 100 in 1929 to 114.9 in July, 1932, and to 128.8 in May, 1935.

This index of productivity—computed from government figures by the National Industrial Conference Board, employers' research agency—gives a rough measure of increased speedup forced on the workers. And this rise of 29 per cent in productivity was not due primarily to improved machinery or technical advance, NIBC survey points out. Instead, "What had occurred, has been a shifting of the labor force, the most competent being retained, and a stiffening of administrative control, factors which largely account for this increase in output per unit of time worked." (Conference Board Bulletin, August 10, 1935.)

This frank statement indicates how workers who could not be speeded up so easily were dropped from their jobs and how others—the "most competent" for being exploited—were pushed faster to get out the increased production needed by the capitalists to maintain profits in a period of business crisis.

In his discussion of the changed character of rationalization used by the capitalists during the crisis, E. Varga (in *The Great Crisis and Its Political Consequences*, 1928-1934) described precisely the process revealed by the Conference Board figures. He describes how employers choose "the workers who are best," from the standpoint of capital, workers who accept speedup and increased intensity of labor with as little resistance as possible.

It is estimated that even if industry achieved the level of production of 1929, no more than 50 per cent of the unemployed could be absorbed; and this percentage decreases constantly. The permanent unemployed army in the United States is fully 8,000,000.

### CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION PROTESTS TO WEBB

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The Civil Liberties Union here has wired Attorney General U. S. Webb urging him to "proceed with the promised investigation of the Santa Rosa outrage. Now that you have full authority to engage 10 investigators, we see no reason for further delay. The continued inaction of Sonoma County authorities and continued persecution of the victims should impress you with the need of aggressive action on the State's part if California's reputation for mob violence is to end."

## World Events

By Emmett Kirby

### The Soviet Union Speaks At Geneva

"If peace efforts of the League fail, and the Italo-Ethiopian conflict comes before the council again (as in case of war) or before the assembly," declared Maxim Litvinoff, speaking at Geneva for the Soviet Union, "the Soviet delegation will pass its judgement with impartiality and courage that will not be shaken by intimidation whether it be by abuse, by attacks in the press or by any other methods."

"For the Soviet government there is no question of siding with one or another party to the conflict, or of defending any one's interests."

"The Soviet government is opposed to the system of colonies, to spheres of influence and to imperialism."

"For the Soviet government there is only one question, of defending the covenant as an instrument of peace. We may need the covenant more than once, and probably on still more serious occasions. . . . The Soviet Union will be seen to none in loyally discharging its obligations."

#### \* Proposes Disarmament.

To further show the genuine interest in peace of the USSR Litvinoff repeated his three proposals which were refused by imperialist nations in 1927 when first made. These call for (1) definition of what constitutes an aggressive nation; (2) transformation of the world disarmament conference into a permanent peace conference; and (3) total disarmament by all nations.

In addition to the second and third paragraphs, quoted above, Litvinoff said that the USSR is not interested in helping Britain use the League of Nations to pull her colonial chestnuts out of the fire. On the contrary, his speech, followed by declarations of support by six other nations listed the whole action of the League out of that category. Portugal, Jugoslavia, Romania, Czechoslovakia, France and Sweden have announced their support. Other nations, from the Irish Free State on, are expected to line up now, as their turn to speak comes.

#### \* French Workers.

France's action, considered in many quarters as a right-about-face, was unquestionably dictated in large part by the constant pressure brought on Laval's government by the working class united front led by the Communists, Socialists and trade unions. This most important victory toward peace came following countless demonstrations and meetings whereat the workers and peasants of France demanded that no support be given the fascist aggression, despite Laval's known friendship for Mussolini.

Litvinoff's speech will find an enthusiastic echo in the hearts of hundreds of millions of workers the world over, among the smaller nations belonging to the League, all of whom are under the shadow of some major imperialist power, as well as among the peoples of the colonial countries. Its effect upon them can only be the strengthening of friendliness and understanding of the real part the Soviet Union plays in the fight for the freedom of the workers of the entire world.

The reference to further use of the League called to the mind of France and Britain the possibility of German attack and the aid the League can be in such case, and because of this cannot go unnoticed by Italy who fears German designs on Austria.

Nor is it stretching the point too far to say that implicit in such possibilities is that of League action in defense of other colonial situations—as for instance, too great Japanese conquest in China. Such united action of nations of the world against an aggressor as would be the case if Mussolini persists in his war course, would be the first time in history that such accord occurred and would found a precedent for future action of collective security, toward which all Soviet efforts for peace have been recently aimed.

And the great difference to be seen between the League now and its futile gestures when faced with Japan's theft of Manchuria is that it has acquired in the meantime a backbone—the voice of the working class for peace, as spoken by the USSR.

### More Soviet Gold

MOSCOW, Sept. 17.—The gold mining industry in the Soviet Union has completed before time its seven-months' program. Compared with the corresponding period last year, the output increased by 27 per cent.